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Mr. Ron Taylor, Chair
Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters
830 Copperas Hollow Road
Morehead, KY 40351

Dear Ron:

On behalf of the Tennessee Division of Forestry and all of the foresters working for the Division of Forestry I want to express our sincere appreciation for the support of the K-T SAF officers and members during the recent Tennessee legislative session.

Publicly stating the importance of having professional foresters involved in the management of our forest resources and their service to private forest landowners helped to inform legislators and the public of a principle we often take for granted.

Many thanks to K-T SAF for a well constructed position statement on retaining the 29 TDF forester positions. These forester positions are funded on a recurring basis in the 2011 state budget. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if the Division of Forestry may be of assistance to K-T SAF.

Sincerely yours,

Steven G. Scott
State Forester
Director, Division of Forestry

Cc: District Foresters