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Re: Brady Hill Thin Project - Response to Scoping Notice

Dear Ranger Stull:

*Board of Directors:*

I am submitting these comments on behalf of Wild Virginia in response to the referenced Scoping Notice (Notice). The Notice states:

*Devon Callan*

*Bette Dzamba*

*Howard Evergreen*

*Jennifer Lewis*

*Laurie Miller*

*Ernie Reed*

*David Sellers*

*Deirdre Skogen*

*Elizabeth Williams*

As District Ranger I will be the responsible official. Once the analysis of this proposal is complete, I will decide whether or not to implement this project and under what conditions. Pending results of a review of the resource conditions and the degree of potential effects on extraordinary circumstances, this project may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement as described in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.15, Chapter 30.

Based on the Notice, we are unable to determine which specific categorical exclusion is contemplated as a possible basis for such a finding in this case. We believe the particular basis on which you believe a categorical exclusion may be based must be cited in the Notice and that there must be at least some discussion of the relation between the conditions on these sites and the kinds of "extraordinary circumstances" you will access.

We ask that you include the information described above and re-advertise this project to provide the public with a fair chance to understand and comment upon the proposal.

Thank you for the chance to comment on this project and for your consideration of the issues we have raised.

Sincerely,

*/s/ David Sligh*

David Sligh  
Conservation Director

cc: Karen Overcash, GW&J NF