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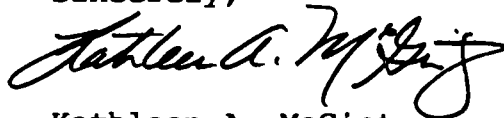
Dear Ms. Elder-Young:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chip mills located in the Tennessee River Valley. It was good hearing from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the potential environmental impacts of chip mills on the adjacent rivers, as well as the impacts of timber harvesting in regions surrounding the mills. I have notified the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Civil Works of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am outraged that the Army Corps of Engineers is not bothering to review the EIS on the Tennessee Valley Chip Mill proposals. This is not only required by the National Environmental Policy Act, but shows a blatant disregard for the impact these mills will have on surrounding forests and communities.

Sincerely,
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January 20, 1994

Ms. Vicki Elder-Young
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Dear Ms. Elder-Young:

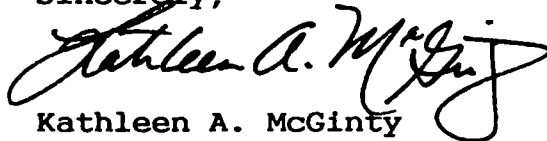
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

After receiving over 100,000 comments on the proposed plan, we are now working to refine it further and expect to submit it to the court by the end of March. I appreciate learning your views on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. McEnty,

Over 89% of Central Hardwood timberland is privately owned, and the trees are growing much faster than they are being cut. There is no hardwood shortage. Private timberlands can easily provide all our hardwood needs. Privately owned timberlands produce about 1,250 million cubic feet (MMCF) of new growth each year. In contrast, the total amount of wood cut from ALL timberlands in the Central Hardwood Region is about 495 MMCF. There is no need for Commercial logging on public forests. The Worldwatch Institute estimates that by improving milling efficiency and implementing other simple waste reduction measures, half the trees currently being cut in the United States could be saved, eliminating the need for logging on any public forests. More than half of the hardwood lumber in the United States is made into shipping pallets. 57% of these are used just once before being discarded. Most wind up in a landfill where they occupy on average 5.8 cubic feet per pallet. Approximately 365 million board feet of hardwood is used to make one-use shipping pallets. The total cut of hardwood from the public forests is 199 million board feet. One-use pallets waste more than twice the total cut from all central hardwood public forests combined, each year! In addition, logging on central hardwood public forests