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IN REPLY REFER TO: Tribal Operations

Honorable Wallace A. Miller, President Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road Bowler, WI 54416 July 22, 2015



Dear President Miller:

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council approved revisions to Chapter 22 – Forest Resource Ordinance, and adopted Resolution No.053-15 on July 7, 2015 with an affirmative vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained.

The revisions appear to be satisfactory with the exception of Section 22.15 (F) Temporary Use Permit. This section requires clarification to distinguish between tribal land and allotments, or land owned 100% by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe. All persons who request temporary access through an allotment are required to comply with 25 C.F.R. §169 and/or §162. As a result, approval of Section 22.15 (F) does <u>not</u> include access through allotments unless the appropriate approvals have been obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Constitutional updates are always encouraged. Approval is provided for the remainder of the Forest Resource Ordinance pursuant to Article VII Section 1(F) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and pursuant to authority delegated to me in 10 BIAM 3.1 and Addendum to 10 BIA 3.1 dated March 17, 1994.

Excluding Sections 22.15(F) as it may pertain to allotted lands or property not 100% owned by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe we offer the following suggestions for future consideration.

Section 22.2 (M) 1 - add: See definition for "Timber.

Section 22.14 (C)(5) – add: The estimated value harvested by a permittee in one year cannot exceed \$5000 on trust lands.

Section 22.14 (C)(10) – add: Should be scaled, for monitoring and reporting.

Section 22.14(E) – add: Method of measurement for sap collected is the volume required to be reported annually.

Section 22.15 (B)(6) - add: Consider add this section to the firewood section also.

Section 22.15 (E) – add: on tribal fee lands.

Section 22.19 (2) – add: All timber must be paid for before cutting begins.

By copy of this letter, we are providing a copy of the Ordinance and Resolution to the Regional Director of the Midwest Regional Office, who may, within 90 days from the date of enactment, rescind the resolution for any cause, by notifying you of such action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marion K. Duffy, Tribal Operations, at 715-682-4527 ext. 401.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Enclosure

Cc: Diane Rosen, Regional Director, Midwest Regional Office Scott Sufficool, Deputy Regional Director – Indian Services