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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, National Park Service
Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fernow Experimental Forest, Monongahela National Forest, Tucker County, West Virginia
(ER 04/703)(Agency due date: **November 4, 2004**)

The Forest Service has published in the **September 20, 2004**, *Federal Register*, a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft EIS for the subject project. You may access the Notice of Intent on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by **November 4, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 9/21/04
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cc: Assistant Secretaries
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