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Mr. R. David Ray
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Dear Mr. Ray:

I recently chaired the Society of American Foresters' Accreditation Visiting Team charged with reviewing the Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources undergraduate degree program. Only the Forestry Option of the program is under consideration for reaccreditation by The Society of American Foresters. However, I wish to address the review in the context of the overall forest resources program.

Because the previously accredited Forestry program is being combined with the former Wildlife Management program, the provided self-study document pertained to both the forestry and wildlife management options within the forest resources major. The nature of the program requires both options to be interrelated and dependent on each other; thus, students and faculty associated with both options participated in the review. Consequently, I consider the team's evaluation, as presented in the final report, applicable to the overall program.

I hope this places our recent review in the appropriate context. Thank you and others at the University of Arkansas at Monticello for making our visit enjoyable and productive.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Belli, Chair
SAF Accreditation Visiting Team

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