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USET Resolution No. 2009:025

**SUPPORT OF THE FINAL RULE ON SALE AND DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TIMBER;
SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS AND FOREST BOTANICAL PRODUCTS,
WITH EXCEPTION**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a proposed rule on the Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Special Forest Products and Forest Botanical Products, published Monday, October 22, 2007 in the Federal Register, Vol. 72, No. 203, page 59496; and
- WHEREAS,** USET provided comments on the proposed rule on January 22, 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** the USDA published Notice of Final Rule December 29, 2008 in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 249, page 79367 to become effective January 28, 2009; and
- WHEREAS** the Final Rule has been delayed and the comment period has been extended to March 2, 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee and the USET Culture and Heritage Committee have jointly reviewed the Final Rule and continue to support the comments submitted in January, 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** the Natural Resources and Culture and Heritage Committees have determined that the Final Rule includes a specific reference to Tribes with special Treaty Rights; and
- WHEREAS,** this reference discriminates against certain Federally recognized Tribes without special Treaty Rights; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the Final Rule on Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Special Forest Products and Forest Botanical Products, as published December 29, 2008 in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 249, page 79367, with the exception to references made in the rule that distinguish between the Federally recognized Tribes with special Treaty Rights and those Federally recognized Tribes without special Treaty Rights.

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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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