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Dear Executive Director:

Case No. 2012-00049

Thank you for the notification and opportunity to comment upon Appalachian Wireless' application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a new facility to provide cellular telecommunications to Clay County. The Daniel Boone National Forest supports improving the delivery of utility services to local residents.

Based on the map provided with the letter from East Kentucky Network dated May 24, 2012, it appears possible that either the proposed tower facility or the route to be used to access this facility will cross National Forest System (NFS) lands. Please be advised that any construction on or occupation of NFS lands would require the issuance of a special use authorization from the Daniel Boone National Forest. Special use authorizations are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), which requires varying levels of analysis and environmental compliance with other federal laws such as the Endangered Species Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, etc.

I have sent a similar correspondence to Lynn Haney of East Kentucky Network. Please contact Bill Schiffer at my office at (606) 598-2192 for more information on special use authorizations, and for help in determining whether a permit would be required for this proposal.

Sincerely,

THOMAS DOZIER
District Ranger

