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Mr. Mark Wert
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Dear Mr. Wert:

On November 13, 2020, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts submitted a draft Regional Haze State Implementation Plan describing your proposal to continue improving air quality by reducing regional haze impacts at mandatory Class I areas across your region. We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with Massachusetts through the initial evaluation, development, and subsequent review of this plan. Cooperative efforts such as these ensure that, together, we will continue to make progress toward the Clean Air Act's goal of natural visibility conditions at our Class I areas.

This letter acknowledges that the USDA Forest Service has received and conducted a substantive review of your proposed Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. This review satisfies your requirements under the federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(i)(2). Please note, however, that only the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can make a final determination about the document's completeness, and therefore, only the EPA has the ability to approve the document.

We are satisfied with the responses we have received from Massachusetts regarding our previous communications on the document and offer no further comments or suggestions. For further information, please contact Ralph Perron (ralph.perron@usda.gov) or Bret Anderson (bret.a.anderson@usda.gov).

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Forest Service compliments you on your hard work and dedication to significant improvement in our nation's air quality values and visibility.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

cc: John Sinclair, Shawn Olson, James Gries, Diane Taliaferro, Stacy Lemieux, Ralph Perron, Bret Anderson, Glenn Keith, Joanne Morin, Anne K. McWilliams

