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Dear Interested Party,

I am sending notification of the cancellation of the Forest-wide Western Larch Seed Cone Collection Project. This project has been cancelled because our seed orchard in Bigfork produced a larch cone crop this fall that was sufficient to meet our immediate larch seed needs. This was an unexpected cone crop as the trees had previously only produced a few cones. The largest collection had been in 2011, when the 1,865 larch trees in the seed orchard produced two bushels of cones with low seed yield. This year, those same trees produced 84 bushels of cones. Although the seed yield per bushel is still quite low, this collection represents a significant increase in the amount of seed obtained.

While the seed that we collect in the Bigfork Seed Orchard must be shared with the other forests in Montana, we anticipate that with this cone collection, the Forest-wide Western Larch Seed Cone Collection Project is not necessary.

If you need additional information regarding this proposal, please contact project leader Marsha Moore at (406) 758-5325.

Thank you for taking the time to share with me your comments and concerns on this project.

Sincerely,

CHIP WEBER
Forest Supervisor

