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Director Michael E. Vayda Vermont – University of Vermont 108 Morrill Hall 146 University Place Burlington, 05405

Dear Director Vayda:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NE–1033 – Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens and Pests beginning October 01, 2008 through September 30, 2013. CSREES concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

for Dr. Ralph Otto

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Associate Administrator, CSREES

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