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Subject: ACROSS - Association of Christians Reaching Out in Service
and Support

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director,
IITF Director, and WO Staffs

The Forest Service has recognized ACROSS, the Association of Christians Reaching Out in Service and Support as an employee organization, pursuant to 5 C.F.R., Part 251. The enclosed Charter provides information about the new employee group.

The Civil Rights Staff provides leadership and guidance for Forest Service employee associations. You may contact my staff if you have any questions.

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To: Judy Kissinger

I have reviewed the charter submitted August 8, 1997, for ACROSS, the Association of Christians Reaching Out in Service and Support. The revised charter meets the requirements of a settlement agreement approved by United States District Judge Paul L. Friedman on July 21, 1997.

In accordance with the settlement agreement, the Forest Service hereby recognizes ACROSS, the Association of Christians Reaching Out in Service and Support as an employee organization, pursuant to 5 C.F.R., Part 251.

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