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Dear Mr. Scruggs:

We have received your FAX dated September 28, 2009, addressed to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and Chief Tom Tidwell, regarding religious-themed ornaments for the 2009 US Capitol Christmas Tree.

The Architect of the US Capitol's office informed us that they had inadvertently provided us outdated guidance. Since that discussion, the guidance has been rescinded, and we regret the concerns this has raised. The reference has been removed from the 2009 Capitol Christmas Tree Web site.

We look forward to any and all ornaments that residents of Arizona contribute to this endeavor. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

For CORBIN L. NEWMAN, JR.
Regional Forester

