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August 8, 2013

Mr. Jon Greendeer, President
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Black River Falls, WI

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE BRAIDWOOD
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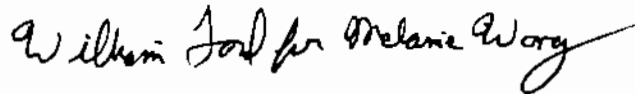
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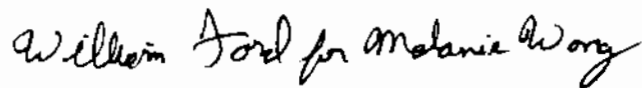
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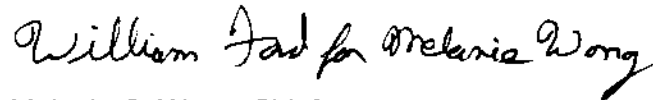
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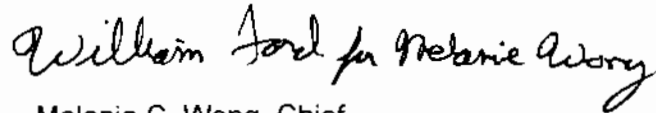
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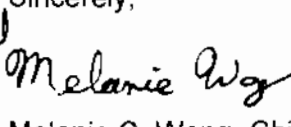
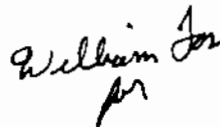
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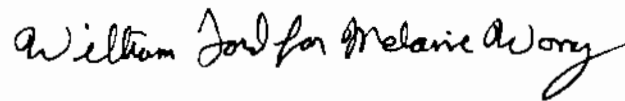
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August 8, 2013

Mr. Matt Wesaw, Chairman
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE BRAIDWOOD
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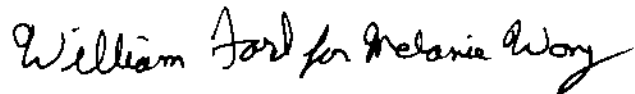
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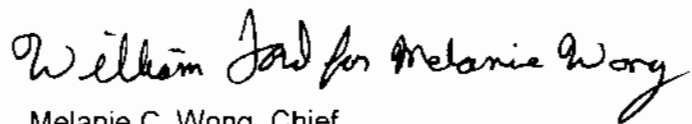
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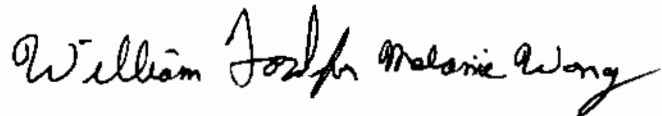
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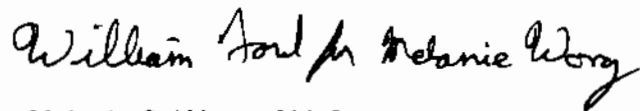
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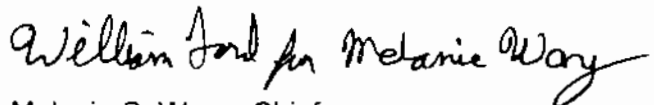
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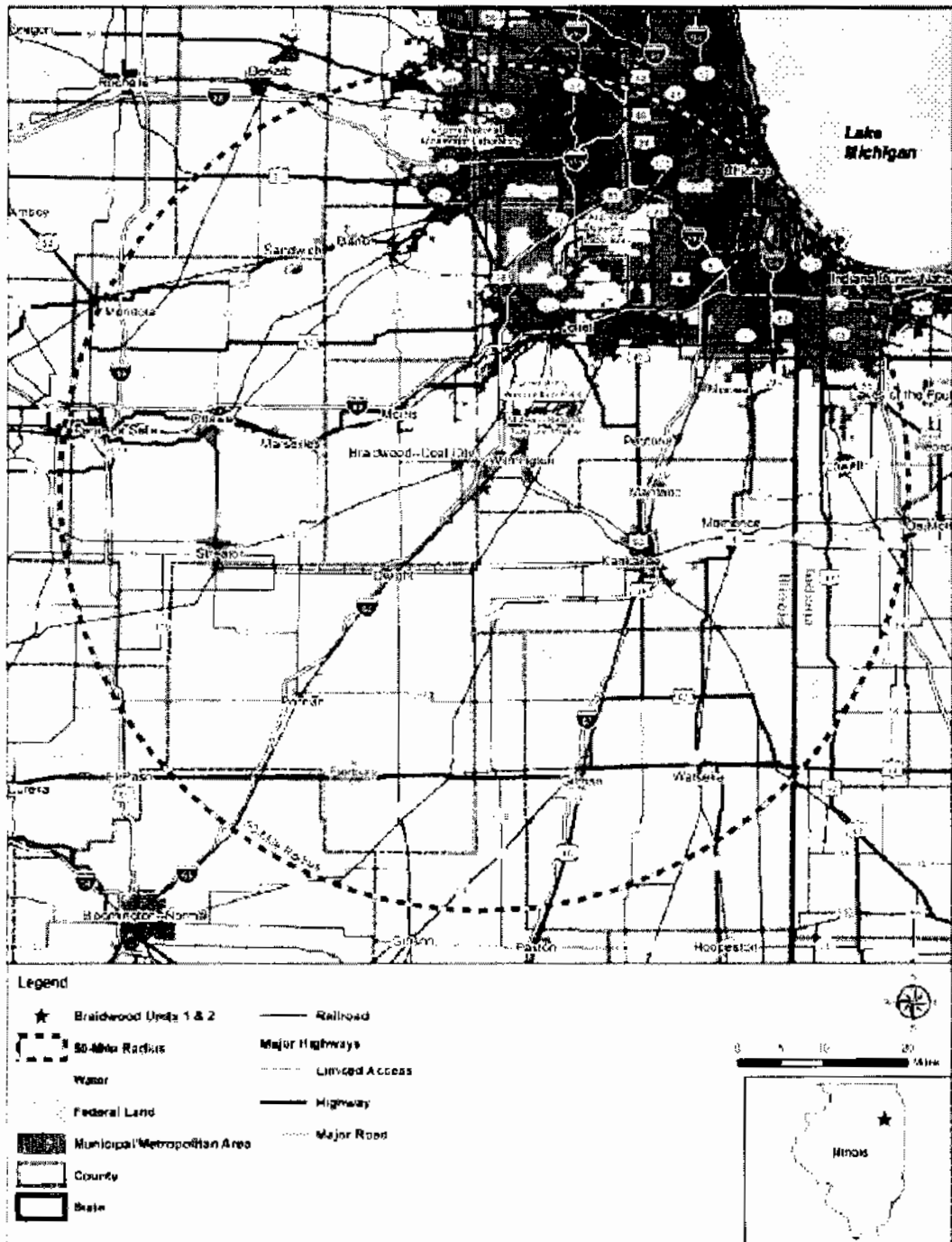
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