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To whom it may concern:

My name is Richard Fletcher and I am the owner of the enclosed A4 deer tag.

My brother, cousin and I applied as a group. My brother is Rob Fletcher and my cousin is Wes Weigle. Each of us will submit out requests independently.

We have been very excited about this hunt and we spent a week scouting the area during late July. We were on hand to see the lightning strikes that started the current fire storm in the Devil's Garden.

Last week we received notice from the Modoc National Forest Supervisor that most of the Devil's Garden area (X2) would be closed to public access until the end of fire season. A copy of that notice is enclosed along with a map of the closed area.

The closed area includes the entire summer range for mule deer, which is where the deer are currently. Because many of the deer are currently on land owned by Collins Company, we also contacted the forest manager to see if they would provide us with a permit for their land, which is usually open for public use. The declined and said we need to find another place to hunt. (See email chain enclosed.)

At this time, there is no legitimate place for us to hunt within the hunt unit X2, so I am asking that you accept my deer tag and reinstate my preference points. Our group applied with four points.

Also, I would like to also receive the preference point for this year so that I will have five for the draw next season.

Please let me know of your decision as soon as possible. If this request is denied, I intend to make the most of whatever hunting may come available, but according to the Forest Supervisor, the unit is closed until the end of Fire Season (October 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Fletcher

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Tag, Forest Supervisor Notice, Closure map, email chain from Collins Co.

