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To: Lisa Stoeffler, Resources Staff Officer

Please give sincere thanks to Henry Shovic, of the Gallatin National Forest, for his dedicated assistance to the International Programs of the Forest Service, Disaster Assistance Support Program (DASP) from May 22 through June 3, 2006. The DASP program works in partnership with the U.S. Agency of International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) to provide technical and operational assistance in responding to disasters worldwide.

Henry, on very short notice, served a detail with the OFDA's Geographic Information Unit. He supported OFDA's work in the Horn of Africa, Indonesia, and other disaster-affected locations around the world. The imagery he produced describing the potential impact of Merapi's eruption in Indonesia was well received by OFDA and by other US officials tracking the volcano's status. His direct OFDA supervisor called him "probably the best GIS detailer the DASP has provided", which was quite a compliment given that past GIS detailers have received great reviews. I have no doubt his name will come up the next time the GIU needs assistance from the DASP.

Your willingness to make skilled personnel like Henry available helps the DASP better assist USAID/OFDA in its mission to save lives, alleviate suffering, and reduce the economic impact of disasters. Once again we thank you for your continued support of this important work.

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