

Womble Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

#### Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Arkansas

##### Forest Supervisor Decisions

*The Courier*, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

##### District Ranger Decisions

Bayou Ranger District: *The Courier*, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

Boston Mountain Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Buffalo Ranger District: *Newton County Times*, published weekly in Jasper, AR

Magazine Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Pleasant Hill Ranger District: *Johnson County Graphic*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Clarksville, AR

St. Francis National Forest: *The Daily World*, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Helena, AR

Sylamore Ranger District: *Stone County Leader*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Mountain View, AR

#### National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Texas

##### Forest Supervisor Decisions

*The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

##### District Ranger Decisions

Angelina National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Caddo & LBJ National Grasslands: *Denton Record-Chronicle*, published daily in Denton, TX

Davy Crockett National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sabine National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sam Houston National Forest: *The Courier*, published daily in Conroe, TX

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**Thomas A. Peterson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Hoosier National Forest, IN; German Ridge Restoration Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, Hoosier National Forest has completed a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of a vegetation restoration project. The FEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts of replacing pine plantations in the German Ridge area of Perry County, Indiana with native hardwood communities.

**Copies:** To receive a CD of the FEIS, request one from Ron Ellis, NEPA Coordinator; Hoosier National Forest; 811 Constitution Avenue; Bedford, IN 47421. To request a CD electronically, send a message with your request to [r9\\_hoosier\\_website@fs.fed.us](mailto:r9_hoosier_website@fs.fed.us). If a hard copy is desired instead, use the same contact information.

**Appeal Period:** The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (*The Hoosier Times*, published in Bloomington and Bedford, Indiana) is the exclusive means for calculating the period for filing an appeal. An appeal must be filed within 45 days of the date of publication of the legal notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Regional Forester Randy Moore is the Deciding Official with whom an appeal is to be filed. His address is: 626 East Wisconsin Ave.; Milwaukee, WI 53202; electronic submission of an appeal: [appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us) (dashes, not underscores); electronic file formats: txt, html, pdf, or any file format viewable in Microsoft Office applications; fax: 414-944-3963; office hours (for those hand delivering an appeal): 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday-Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Ellis, NEPA Coordinator, Hoosier National Forest, USDA Forest Service; telephone: 812-275-5987. Address under Copies. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at [www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier)—click on “Forest Projects”, then “Scoping Package,” and finally “German Ridge Restoration.”

#### Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative is to implement the proposed action, which would fulfill the goals and objectives of the *Forest Plan* involving the restoration

of native communities; replace pine plantations with native hardwood communities that include a strong component of oaks, hickories, and other fire-adapted plants; and restore natural vegetative conditions to the barrens within the project area.

To accomplish those goals, the Hoosier National Forest would during the next six or seven years: (1) Use prescribed burning on approximately 2,170 acres, (2) thin approximately 215 acres, (3) implement pine removal on approximately 355 acres, and (4) complete shelterwood harvest on approximately 120 acres. Additional activities would also be pursued to improve wildlife habitat, maintain a recreational trail, and enhance vegetation conditions within the project area.

#### Responsible Official

Kenneth G. Day, Forest Supervisor; Hoosier National Forest; 811 Constitution Avenue; Bedford, Indiana 47421.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: October 21, 2005.

**Kenneth G. Day,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Title:** Application and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits Under the Endangered Species Act.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0648-0402.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission.

**Burden Hours:** 2,280.

**Number of Respondents:** 113.

**Average Hours per Response:** Permit applications, 30 hours; modification requests, 10 hours; annual reports and final reports, 10 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows for certain exceptions to this