

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Mio and Harrisville Districts
Administrative Changes to Verizon's Special Use Permit

The Huron-Manistee National Forests proposes to reissue an expired permit to Verizon and to separate their current communications permit into two. These are administrative actions only. There would be no new construction or disturbance permitted by this decision. Forest Service regulations require separate permits for installation, use, and maintenance of copper wire and fiber optic cables and associated improvements. Verizon has one telephone permit that covers both types of cable rights-of-way (ROW). The new permits would cover each use, copper wire and fiber optics, separately. The new permits would be issued for a term of 30-years.

The existing ROWs are located in Alcona, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties as follows: Alcona County - T26N, R5-8E, and T25N, R5-6E; Crawford County - T25N, R1-2W, and T26N, R1-2E; Ogemaw County - T24N, R3E; and Oscoda County - T25N, R1-3E, T26N, R1-4E, and T27N, R4E.

When separating the permits any updates of cable locations and descriptions would be made to correct discrepancies in the permit and add any new or amended conditions to the permit.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this proposal please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.