

***Mark Twain National Forest
Poplar Bluff Ranger District***

PROJECT SUMMARY

***Tinsley/US Forest Service Land Exchange
Butler County, Missouri***

Project Area

The project area is located on the Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest, Butler County, Missouri in Township 25 North, Range 7 East, Section 5 (Forest Service lands) and Section 9 (Tinsley).

Proposed Action

The proposed action involves the exchange of 32 acres, more or less, of National Forest System lands for 80 acres, more or less of non-Federal land. Land uses would remain essentially the same.

Background

Mr. Tinsley approached the Forest Service earlier this year regarding an exchange of lands. The lands Mr. Tinsley proposes to exchange with the agency are a combination of upland and bottomland habitat with Caney Creek flowing through the middle. They were selectively harvested in the 1960's. The lands Mr. Tinsley would receive lie on the east side of Missouri Highway T, and on both sides of Forest Service Road 3697, and are approximately 86-year-old hardwood-pine stands.

Mr. Tinsley wants to acquire land closer to the county road so he can obtain utility services more easily to a home he is planning to construct. The benefits to the Forest Service would be better consolidating the agency's land base, and obtaining additional potentially suitable habitat bottomland hardwood area for certain Regional Forester Sensitive Species

Purpose And Need For Action

The primary purpose of the proposed action is to exchange lands to better consolidate the National Forest land base and provide additional potentially suitable habitat for certain Regional Forester Sensitive Species, such as Nettled chainfern, ladies' tresses, Nuttall's oak, pale and green orchid, and a variety of other plant species.

Decision to be Made

Whether or not to conduct the land exchange with the private individual.

Target Date for Completion of Analysis and a decision

January 2004

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