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File Code: 1950

Date: November 27, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to request your comments on the Forest Service's proposal to perform vegetative management on national forest system lands within the SR 622-Brushy Mountain area of Smyth County, VA. The details of this project are enclosed.

The attached summary provides details on the proposed action, location of the proposed silvicultural treatments, the need for the project, and current resource conditions in the area. Comments received in response to this notice will be used by a Forest Service interdisciplinary team to identify significant issues related to the project, develop alternatives to the proposed action, and guide an environmental analysis.

Responding to this notice is your opportunity to participate. Please be as specific as possible in your comments and how they relate to the proposed action. I expect to issue a decision on this proposal late this fall. When a decision is made, I will promptly mail the appropriate decision and analysis documentation to those who participated in the process and to those who have requested a copy of the decision.

Please take time to review the package and send me your input. Comments should be mailed to the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area at 3714 Highway 16, Marion, VA 24354. If you'd like to call with questions about this project, please contact Forest Service project leader Phil Wisman at 276-783-5196, or call Area Ranger, Elizabeth Merz at 276-783-5196.

Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days, beginning the day after publication of this notice in the Bristol Herald-Courier. If you need the exact date of publication, please contact us. Oral or hand-delivered comments must be received within our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments may be mailed electronically to our office, in a common digital format at comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson-mtrovers@fs.fed.us.

In accordance with 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), individuals or organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

- 1) Your name, address, and telephone number.
- 2) Title of the Proposed Action.



3) Comments or expressed interest in the proposed action (36 CFR 215.11) by the close of the comment period.

4) Your signature or other means of identification verification. For organizations, a signature or other means of identification verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent your organization.

Thank you for your attention and your interest in National Forest management.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Merz
Area Ranger

Enclosure

