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The Huron-Manistee National Forests are proposing to implement the Forest-wide Dam Maintenance Project. This project includes performing routine maintenance activities on 22 existing water control structures located across the forests. We would like your comments on the proposed project.

There are currently 22 water control structures located in various locations on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The purpose of the project is to maintain existing dam structure and function in accordance with direction in Forest Service Handbook 7509.11 and Forest Service Manual 7500. This maintenance will provide protection to wildlife habitat, water quality and recreational and cultural resource values.

Maintenance actions proposed include: Mowing of the original Dam profile and 15 feet beyond the toe of the dam, on a 3-5 year rotation or as needed; Brushing or tree removal as needed on the original dam profile and up to 15 feet beyond the toe of the dam; Removing stumps and disposing of them outside of the floodplain; Placement of crushed rock as needed, to reduce erosion in the dam profile, spillway, embankment etc., rock size will range between 6 and 18 inches; Leveling, reshaping or spreading new soil on the earthen dam to maintain or re-establish the dams original shape, on an as needed basis; And placement of topsoil, fertilizer, native seed or annual rye, and mulch to reestablish vegetation on the dam profile as needed.

You may comment on this project or receive further information by contacting Richard Corner during normal office hours (weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Forest Supervisor's office (Address: 1755 S. Mitchell St, Cadillac Michigan 49601; Phone: voice (231) 775-2421 ex. 18732, TDD (231) 775-3183 (hearing impaired); Fax: (231) 775-5551; e-mail: racorner@fs.fed.us). Please send us your comment by September 18, 2009.

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