

**Hoosier National Forest  
Administrative Change 16  
January 2018  
Updated Land Suitability Summary**

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Administrative changes include the following:

- (1) Corrections of clerical errors;
- (2) Changes to ensure conformance with new statutory or regulatory requirements; and
- (3) Changes to other content in the plan (219.7(f)).

Administrative changes should be printed on salmon colored paper and distributed to all employees for inclusion in their copy of the Forest Plan.

Forest Service Manual 1921.12c states, *"Lands identified as not suitable for timber production in the plan document or plan set of documents must be reviewed at least every 10 years (16 U.S.C 1604) and as otherwise needed to respond to changed conditions in the plan area."*

Administrative Change 16 replaces page B-16 of the Forest Plan.

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## Timber Resource Summaries

### Land Suitability

Table B.6 identifies the lands suitable and unsuitable for timber production according to the National Forest Management Act and the implementing regulations. Unsuitable lands for timber production by management area are shown in the footnotes.

Table B.6

#### LAND SUITABILITY SUMMARY

LAND CLASSIFICATION	Acres*
Total National Forest System Land	203,600
Nonforest Land <sup>1</sup>	(13,109)
Forest Land Withdrawn from Timber Production <sup>2</sup>	(13,673)
Forest Land Not Producing Crops of Wood	0
Forest Land Physically Not Suited:	
Irreversible Damage Likely to Occur	0
Not Restockable within five years	0
Forest Land with inadequate information	0
Forest Land, Tentatively Suitable	176,818
Forest Land not Appropriate for Timber Production <sup>3</sup>	(95,393)
Total Suitable Forest Land <sup>4</sup>	81,425

<sup>1</sup> Includes all lakes, ponds, waterholes, wetlands, rivers, permanent forest openings, barrens, redcedar glades, roads, rock outcrops, and marginal timberland.

<sup>2</sup> Lands withdrawn from timber production designated by Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Chief of the Forest Service including the 12,953 acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness, 632 acre Paoli Experimental Forest, and 88 acre Pioneer Mothers Research Natural Area.

<sup>3</sup> Lands identified as not appropriate for timber production for the following reasons: assigned to other resource uses to meet Forest Plan objectives including all existing developed recreation sites; visually sensitive areas; and Management Areas 2.4, 6.2, 6.4, and 8.2; and bottomland areas of Management Area 2.8.

<sup>4</sup> Includes double counted acres. Many acres in Management Areas 2.4, 6.2, 6.4, and 8.2 are also Nonforest Land.

\* Acres derived from GIS spatial data, accuracy may vary.