

Sunny Oaks Introduction Presentation Transcript

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Hello my name is Tim Slone and I'm the District Ranger on the Ironton Ranger District of the Wayne National Forest. >>

>> Thanks so much for your interest in our Sunny Oaks Project and in our web presentation of the environmental analysis. We appreciate your interest and we appreciate your feedback that we have received on this project. In Rachel Reed's video she will describe to you how we used your input in the analysis. I would like to take a moment and thank Rachel, who is the interdisciplinary team leader, as well as the rest of the team for all their substantial hard work on this project. You will have the opportunity to see the fruits of their labor as you view the web presentation. The format of web presentations with the PowerPoint slides is a new format for us to communicate the analysis to you. And although the presentations may not be perfect, I do think that they effectively communicate our findings. As an example of what may be an imperfection, so as we are doing this captioning, it is a live process. So as you imagine there might be a mistake or two. Our normal format would be a written analysis. So this new format, it doesn't preclude our responsibility under NEPA, nor do we plan to skip any steps, but instead we aim to improve our outcomes and relationships. For the sake of clarity, what I'm saying is that we will follow our normal rules and regulations as it applies to NEPA.

What is the purpose of the Sunny Oaks Project? When you look at the Sunny Oaks Project from the 30,000 foot level, it is to implement the Wayne National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan or Forest Plan and its direction as well as specific management area objectives. Forest Plans provide the guiding direction how a Forest is managed. In our Forest, we are to use the best available science to provide for a balance of older forests and very young forests. Very young forests are also called early successional habitats. Our current condition is that we have thousands of acres of older forests and almost zero acres of the very young forests. That is the broad look and there will be more specifics around the purpose and need of the project shared in the other presentation. I want to thank you for viewing, thank you for your interest in the project, and look forward to hearing from you during this 30 day comment period. There will be specific instructions on how to make your comments. If you would just follow the link that is on your screen. Thank you. >>