

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Consumers Energy Permit Amendment - Replacement of Electric Line along F-30

The Huron-Manistee National Forests received an application from Consumers Energy to amend their special use permit for an electric distribution line and right-of-way (ROW). The electric line is an overhead powerline that runs on the south side of F-30, a paved county road. The line runs from Cruzen Road east approximately 600 feet in section 3, T25N, R8E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

The current overhead line is set back from the road in wetlands with a narrow 10-20 foot buffer strip of trees between the road and the right-of-way. The proposed location is approximately 32 feet from the road centerline, closer to the road. The buffer strip would likely be cut to keep branches and trees from the line. Replacing the line in the new location would reduce the fire hazards from trees falling onto the lines and accommodate electric load growth in the Mikado area. The existing powerline would be removed after the proposed line is constructed and the old right-of-way abandoned and trees allowed to grow back.

Construction would be limited to the 10 feet ROW, approximately 5 feet either side of centerline, approximately 600 feet x 10 feet / 43,560 sq feet/acre = 0.14 acres.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this project please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.