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Dear Forest Planning Participant:

I am seeking your input on the proposed **White Pines Wind Farm Project**, located on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The Forest Service has accepted an application for a special use authorization from White Pines Wind Farm LLC for the installation and operation of 20 to 28 wind turbines and associated infrastructure to provide between 50 and 70 megawatts (MW) of wind energy on National Forest System lands managed by the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The project would occupy approximately 75 acres of NFS land within a Project Area of about 10,000 acres on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District over its proposed 30-year life.

**The purpose of this letter is to invite you to comment on this proposed project and help identify issues, concerns, or opportunities associated with this project and the area surrounding it.** From your comments, we will identify issues and develop alternatives to the proposed action.

Alternatives to the proposed action will be developed during the next few months. **It would be most helpful if we receive your comments by October 12, 2008;** however, comments will be accepted any time during the planning process. Forest Supervisor Barry Paulson will use this analysis to decide whether to grant the authorization for the construction and operation activities as proposed, or as modified by an alternative to the proposed action, or to deny granting the authorization.

In addition, two separate open house public scoping meetings will be held to collect public input on this project on the following dates and locations:

- September 30, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, 4079 W. US 10, Ludington, MI. An open house format will be used. The public is welcome between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- October 1, 2008, at the Days Inn, 1462 US Hwy 31, Manistee, MI. An open house format will be used. The public is welcome between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

If you would like to give input beyond the attached comment sheet, or have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Patricia O'Connell, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District; telephone: 231-723-2211 ext. 3119, fax: 231-723-8642, email: [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-manistee@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-manistee@fs.fed.us). All responses received (including names and addresses) will become part of the public file. This information will be made available to the public, upon request.

Sincerely,

/s/BARRY PAULSON  
Forest Supervisor  
Enclosure

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