

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District Special Use Projects

On February 25, 2000, the Cadillac-Manistee District Ranger made a decision to issue a ten year special use permit to John Jones to construct and maintain approximately 0.3 miles of Forest Road 5039 and a driveway across National Forest System. Mr. Jones has maintained this road for a ten-year term as legal access to his private lands across the Manistee National Forest. Mr. Jones' property is landlocked and he continues to need legal access to his property.

Mr. Jones' existing private road special use permit expires on 12/31/2009. A new private road easement issued for 30 year term would provide legal access and allow the continued use of the existing roads and performance of minor maintenance. No new construction would occur.

The proposal is to issue a 30-year private road easement to John Jones for access across National Forest System lands. The easement will authorize the continued year round use and performance of minor maintenance of approximately 0.3 miles of Forest Road 5039 and a driveway approximately 150 long and 16.5 feet wide. No new road construction or disturbance outside the existing road area will be allowed by this decision.

The easement will be located in is in Section 3, T20N, R15W, Meade Township, Mason County, Michigan. Total National Forest System land involved in this decision is 0.65 acres.

For questions or coments please contact john Hojnowski at the Cadillac/Manistee Ranger Station at 231-723-2211.