

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Baldwin/White Cloud District Special Uses Projects

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, have received requests for continued year-round use and maintenance of existing Forest Service Roads (FSR) to access their personal properties on the Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District. All roads would be maintained at level 2-3, encouraging high clearance to passenger vehicles. Maintenance would include grading, cleaning out ditches, spot graveling, brushing vegetation, and snowplowing. If allowed, the decisions would be implemented by issuing new 30-year special use easements for the road use, and maintenance. The following are the roads requested.

1. An unclassified Forest Road located in SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 3, T12N, R12W, Newaygo County, Michigan. The area requested is from Poplar Ave. west to Mr. Chase's private property and measures approximately 1,320 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .36 acres.
2. An unclassified Forest Road located in S1/2 S1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 3, T12N, R10W, Montcalm County, Michigan. The area requested is a small section of National Forest land along Mr. Ruppert's private driveway off of Maple Hill Road. The need to use National Forest land is due to a steep hill along Bruce Creek, preventing them from constructing their driveway on their own property. The area requested is in the middle section of their driveway and measures approximately 528 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .14 acres.
3. FSR 5231, a portion located in N1/2, section 28, T13N, R16W, Oceana County, Michigan. The area requested is at the intersection of McKinley Road and 128th Ave., heading east to Mr. Huizinga's private property. The area requested measures approximately 6,336 feet in length x 12 feet wide or 1.5 acres.
4. An unclassified Forest Road located in SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 17, T12N, R10W, Montcalm County, Michigan. The area requested is a small section of National Forest land at the beginning of Mr. Moore's private driveway off of Daggert Road. Mr. Moore needs this access to avoid the steep banks of the Little Muskegon River. The area requested measures approximately 650 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .18 acres.
5. FSR 9672, a portion located in NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4, Section 24, T15N, R14W, Newaygo County, Michigan. The area requested is north of 8 Mile Road and west along FSR 9672. The area requested measures approximately 1,214 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .33 acres.
6. FSR 9885 located in NE1/4, Section 9, and NW1/4, Section 10, Newaygo County, Michigan. The area requested is located southeast of FSR 5771 from 5 Mile Road. The area requested measures approximately 2,640 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .73 acres.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding these roads please contact Kathy Bietau, at the Baldwin Ranger District, 650 N. Michigan Ave., Drawer D, Baldwin, Michigan 49304, (231)745-4631, ext. 3117.