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Dear Interested Publics:

Implementation of the Indiana Bat Habitat Restoration Project will begin this year. In keeping with the requirements of the Decision Notice approving this adaptive management project, we are posting information regarding the locations and extent of activities to be implemented this fiscal year within the Sylamore District's Indiana bat conservation zones.

Areas that will receive ecosystem burns within and outside the Indiana Bat Habitat Restoration Project area are shown on the attached map. The burns within the project area will be implemented during the hibernation period as mist net surveys to clear the units for burning outside the hibernation were not conducted last year. The Birmingham and Cap Fork burn blocks shown on the attached map lie just outside the Indiana Bat Habitat Restoration Project area. These acres were approved to be burned during either the dormant or growing season under the 2009 Ice Storm Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Decision Notice signed June 5, 2009.

Within the Sylamore Experimental Forest boundary, we are starting our side-by-side comparison of Alternatives 2 and 3 to determine their effectiveness at meeting the project's objectives. The Sylamore Experimental Forest will receive a prescribed burn this season; following the burn, work toward developing additional silvicultural and wildlife treatment prescriptions will commence.

Stand examinations are presently being conducted; the data collected will be used to develop prescriptions for the remainder of this year's program of work. When that information is completed it will be posted as well.

If you are interested in learning more about this project or have any questions, I welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you. Please give me a call at (870) 214-0934 or if you prefer, send me an e-mail at jrmccoy@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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attachment (1 map)

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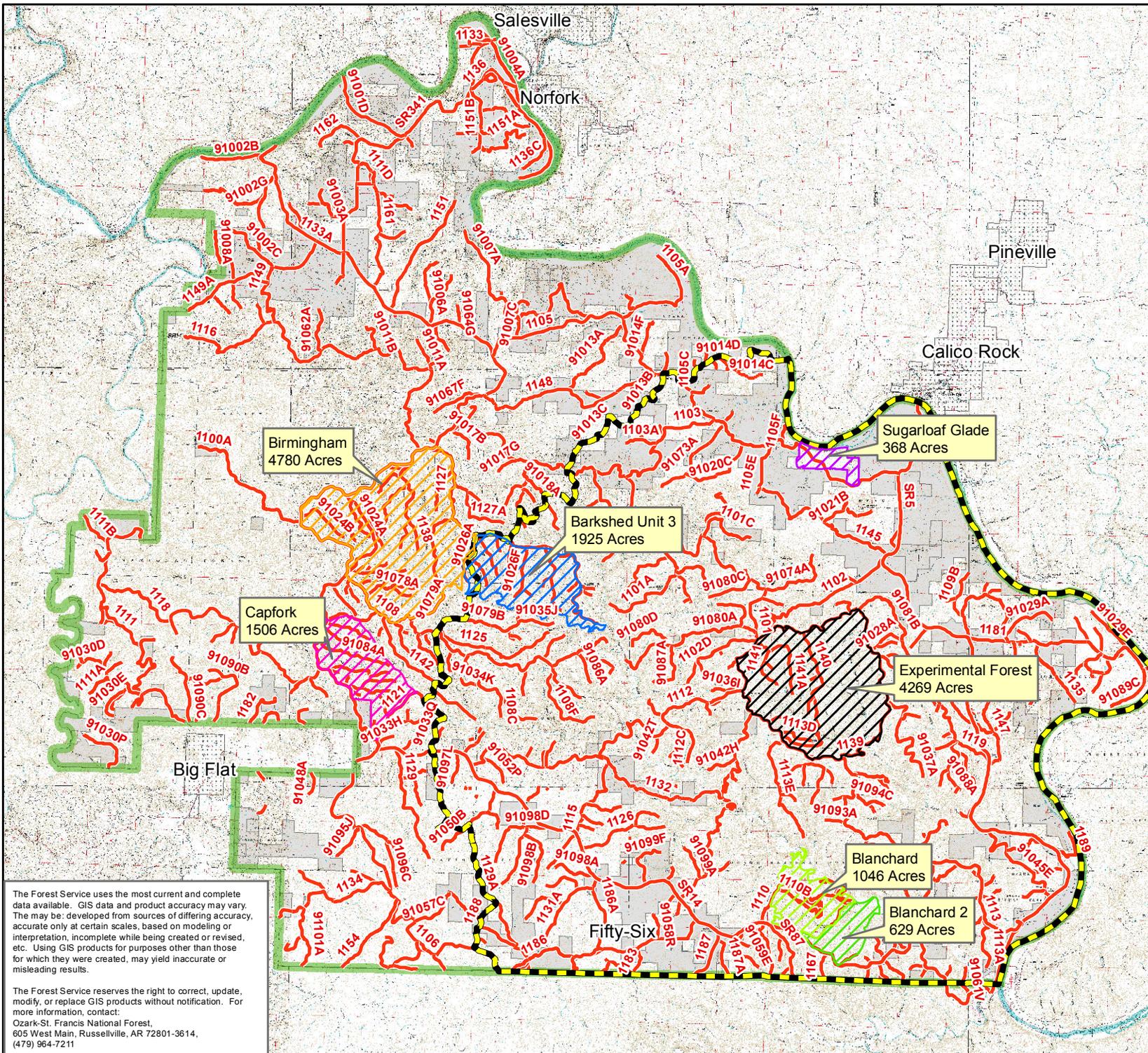


Planned Prescribed Burns 2014

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests
Sylamore Ranger District

Legend

-  Birmingham - 4780 Acres
-  Experimental Forest - 4269 Acres
-  Barkshed Unit3 - 1925 Acres
-  Sugarloaf Glade - 368 Acres
-  Capfork - 1506 Acres
-  Blanchard - 1046 Acres
-  Blanchard2 - 629 Acres
-  Indiana Bat Project Area
-  Roads
-  Administrative Boundary
-  Private Land



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