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Sabine National Forest
Angelina/Sabine Ranger District
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Phone 409-625-1940

File Code: 1950/1010

Date:

Dear Friend of the Sabine National Forest,

The District Ranger signed a decision in May of 2010 to create a wildlife opening on 74 acres in compartment 10 on the Sabine National Forest. The opening was originally part of a 180 acre young loblolly pine forest that was planted on the area in 2004 after it was acquired in a clearcut condition. There are now 106 acres of young pine forest and 74 acres of open field. This area is located in Shelby County, approximately 5 miles northeast of the town of Shelbyville. It is adjacent to and just south of Farm-to-Market (FM) road 2694. The area is outlined in Figure 1 on the attached map.

The Forest Service plans to offer up to four managed dove hunts, one per weekend, on the 74 acre field during dove season as established by the State of Texas. This would be during the fall season, September through October.

This scoping letter is to solicit your input on placing hunting restrictions on the 180 acre area for public safety. These restrictions would only pertain to dove and deer hunting. Dove hunting would be allowed on four weekends; there would be no dove hunting outside of these four managed weekend hunts. Deer hunting would only be allowed on the 180 area after the last dove hunt during the fall dove season. Deer hunting would be archery only on the 180 acres for the entire deer hunting season.

The boundaries around the entire 180 acres would be painted out in blue paint and signed to alert the public to the hunting restrictions. Notices explaining the hunting restrictions would be placed at the one proposed parking lot in the area.

I would like your input on this closure proposal. Written responses may be submitted to Eddie Taylor, District Ranger, Attn: *C-10 Closure Order* Sabine National Forest, 5050 State Hwy 21 East, Hemphill, TX 75948. Hand-delivered responses may be received within our normal business hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Responses may be mailed electronically to our office in a common digital format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) at comments-southern-texas-sabine@fs.fed.us with Subject: *C-10 Closure Order*. The office phone number is (409) 625-1940. Although your input is always welcome, please respond by October 11, 2010.

I appreciate your interest and participation in this process.



Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR
District Ranger, Angelina/Sabine Ranger District

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Sabine National Forest
Proposed Closure Area
September, 2010

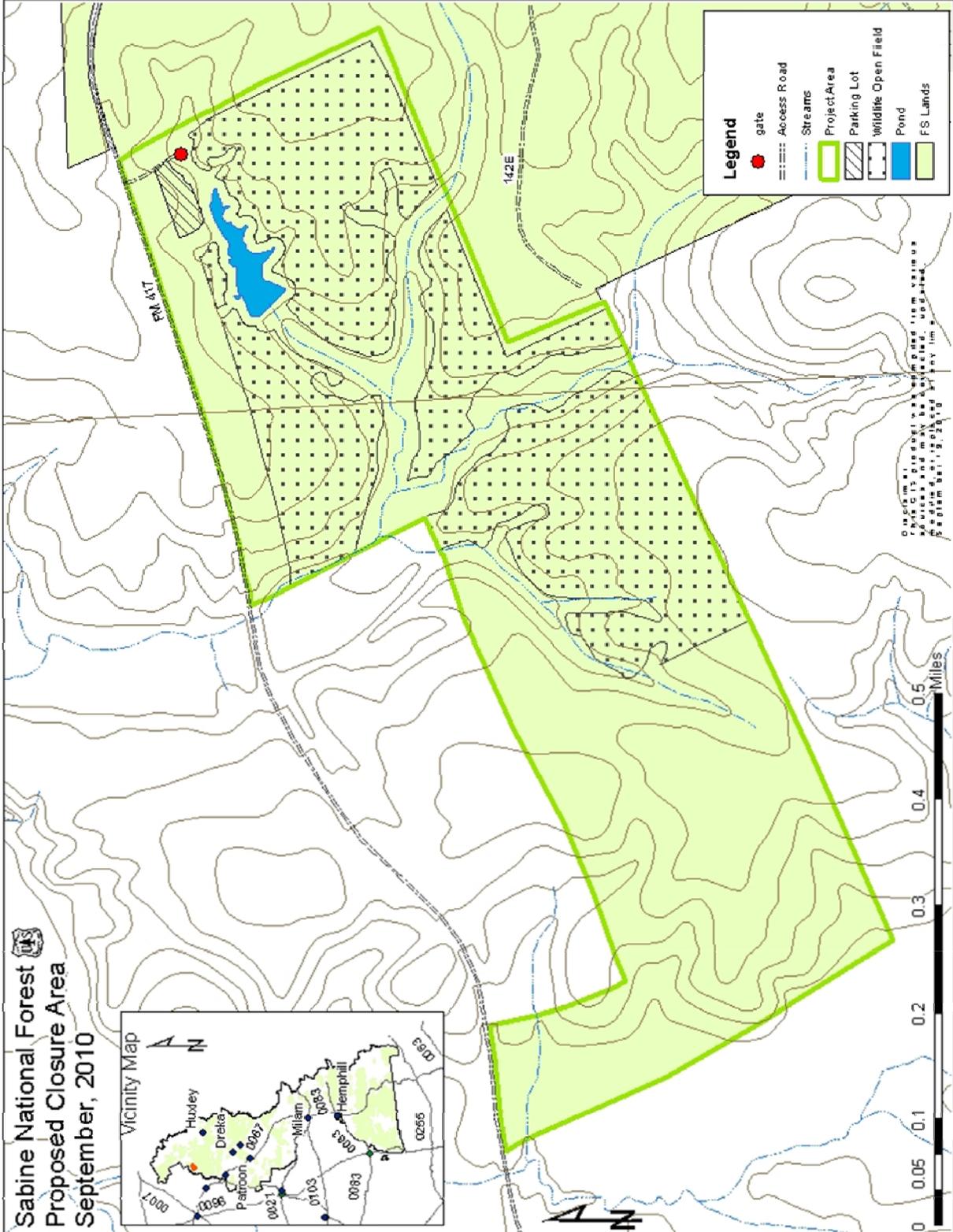
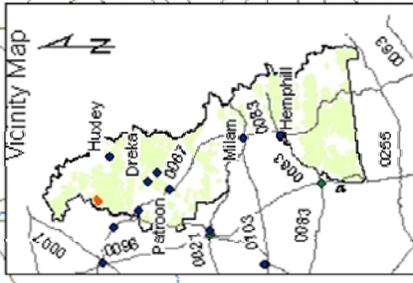


Figure 1. Map of 180 Acre Proposed Closure Area.