



File Code: 2700/1950

Date: June 9, 2014

Dear Friends:

Six individuals holding recreation residence permits on the St. Francis National Forest's Bear Creek Lake (BCL) Recreation Residence Tract have submitted requests to modify existing authorized structures or to construct new improvements on their authorized use areas as shown below; before these changes can be made, the respective permits must be modified. Due to the similar nature of these proposals they are being grouped for scoping purposes, but each is a separate action. Provided no extraordinary circumstances related to these proposals are identified through public scoping, I will sign a Decision Memo initiating the permit modification process. Once the permit modifications are approved the requested work may commence.

BCL 6 Use Area: Remove 98 sq. foot pier; remove railroad ties erosion barriers from the back of the lot; remove 120 sq feet of an authorized 280 sq ft deck (including associated landing and steps); construct a new 16 x 24' (384 sq ft) addition to the deck made of treated lumber/underpinning will be screened with wooden lattice.

BCL 13 Use Area: Extend roofline of authorized dock by 6 feet.

BCL 13A Use Area: Build a new wooden deck over an existing brick patio. Correct incorrect patio measurements on the permit face.

BCL 15 Use Area: Construct a 476 sq ft deck.

BCL 18B Use Area: Construct a 150 sq ft deck.

BCL 19 Use Area: Replace metal shed with a wooden shed.

A map showing the vicinity of the Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract is attached.

I have made a preliminary determination that 1) the proposed modifications fall within the following category of actions listed in regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement and 2) there are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of this category.

FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, § 32.2 (3) (vi): *“Approval, modification or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest System lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land. [36 CFR 220.6(e)(3)]*



The only alternative to the actions currently being considered is a No Action Alternative in which any or all of these requests will be denied. My final decision will not be subject to administrative review; however, before I render it, I want to provide those interested in or affected by any or all of these proposals an opportunity to make their concerns known. I will consider all comments that I receive, including those submitted anonymously, but only those who provide contact information will be notified of my decision. Please note that all comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for these permit modification requests and will be available for public inspection.

How to comment

Comments need to be within the scope of and have a direct relationship to the Proposed Action and include supporting reasons for me to consider. Please send written comments to me, Deputy District Ranger Mary Maercklein by June 20, 2014 at the St. Francis Ranger District, 2955 Highway 44, Marianna, AR 72360. Written comments may also be submitted via facsimile (870-295-3382) or may be hand-delivered at our office between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-stfrancis@fs.fed.us. Please state "Recreation Residence Permit Modifications" in the subject line when providing electronic comments.

If you have questions

If you have questions relating to this proposal or want more information about it, please contact me at (870) 295-5278.

Sincerely,



MARY MAERCKLEIN
St. Francis Deputy District Ranger

St. Francis National Forest

Special Use Permits
Bear Creek

-  Bear Creek Special Use Area
-  Roads
-  Private
-  Forest Service
-  Mississippi River State Park

0 2 Miles



Bear Creek
Special Use Area

