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Date: June 13, 2014

Dear Friend of the Ozark-St. Francis NF:

The Big Piney Ranger District on the Ozark-St Francis National Forests is considering decommissioning the Fairview Campground along Arkansas Highway 7, approximately three miles south of the community of Lurton.

#### **Purpose and Need for the Proposal**

The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of underutilized recreation areas on National Forests. Recreation in the National Forest System has transitioned to be more streamlined, focusing on maintenance of sites with moderate to high use. The use of Fairview Campground has sharply declined since Rotary Ann Rest Area (6 miles south) was developed in 2006.

#### **Proposal**

The proposal is to decommission the Fairview Campground by removing camping amenities and reseeding areas disturbed during removal of improvements. The vault toilet (SST) would be removed from Fairview and may be relocated to another developed recreation area. The Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) parking area would remain open for access and the project area would be available for dispersed camping once decommissioning activities were completed. Some improvements may be made to the trailhead parking area and the OHT may have a short reroute in order to improve trail access.

#### **Public Involvement**

In order to help identify issues resulting from this proposal and better assess its effects, and to continue to receive future notification you must respond to this letter. An environmental analysis (EA) will be prepared for this proposal. I would appreciate your site-specific comments and/or concerns. A map has been included, but can also be viewed on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests website at the following web address:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/osfnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5212180>

The proposed project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Mail your responses to Timothy E. Jones, Big Piney Ranger District, 12,000 SR 27 Hector, AR 72843. Verbal or hand delivered written responses must be made during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Responses may be mailed electronically, in a common digital format, to: [comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-](#)



[bayou@fs.fed.us](mailto:bayou@fs.fed.us). In order to proceed in a timely manner, your responses are requested within 14 days starting the day after this notice publishes in Russellville AR's newspaper, *The Courier*.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mike Mulford at the Big Piney Ranger District office in Jasper, AR (phone #: 870-446-5122 x5136) or by email at [mmulford@fs.fed.us](mailto:mmulford@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

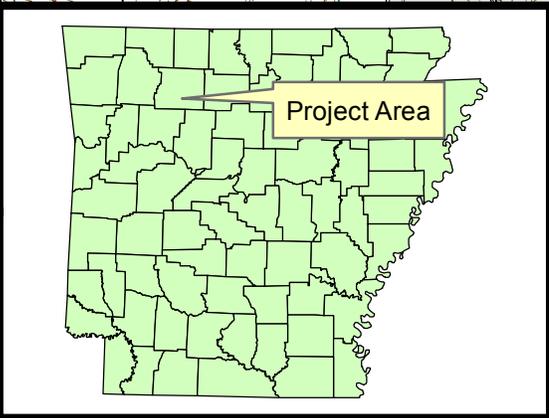
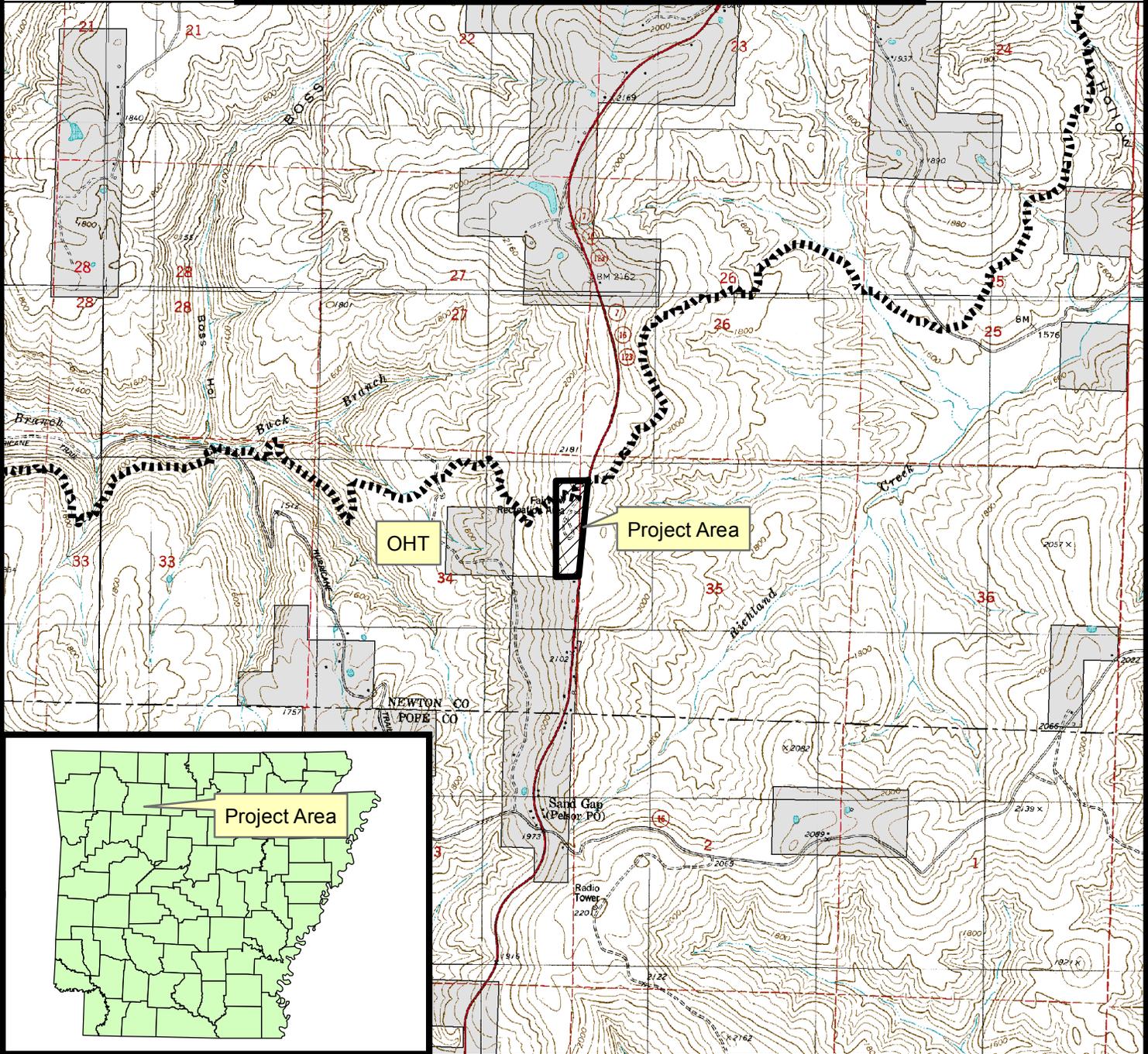
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. E. Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TIMOTHY E. JONES  
District Ranger

Enclosure



**Scoping Map**  
**Proposed Fairview Campground Decommission**  
**Township 13 North, Range 20 West, Section 34 & 35**  
**Sand Gap Quad., Newton County, AR**  
**Big Piney Ranger District**  
**Ozark-St. Francis National Forests**



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**Legend**

- Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT)
- Project Area 23 Acres
- Private

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