

**Legal Notice**

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Based upon my review of the Three Knob Project Environmental Assessment (EA), I have decided to implement The Proposed Action.

The scope of this Decision applies to the Three Knob Project Area which is approximately 18,750 acres on the Big Piney Ranger District.

This Decision includes 4,440 acres of improvement thinning; 2,636 acres of non-commercial stand improvement; 2,839 acres of regeneration treatments to improve habitat diversity; 500 acres of salvage improvement thinning; habitat improvement through prescribed burning on 1,771 acres; Non-Native Invasive Species (NNIS) control on 500 acres annually; improvement of habitat diversity by constructing new openings; enlarging existing openings; and treating around openings; for a total of 75 acres of openings and 150 acres of transition areas; 6 acres of glade restoration; construction of 37 and maintenance of 34 existing wildlife ponds; 31 acres of cane restoration; improvement of stream conditions through large woody debris placement; commercial surface rock collection; 6 miles of off highway vehicle (OHV) routes removed from designated routes list; 107 miles road maintenance; 1 mile road reconstruction; 27 miles road maintenance and then closure; 20 miles of temporary roads; 1 mile road closure; 7 miles road decommission; and 4 miles convert road to OHV trail. See the Draft Decision for a more specific list of activities.

This decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.8.

This Draft Decision may be viewed in its entirety along with the Final Environmental Analysis and accompanying maps on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/osfnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd521222>

For more information about this Draft Decision or to obtain a hardcopy of the document(s) please contact Mike Mulford, NEPA Coordinator, Big Piney Ranger District, P.O. Box 427, Jasper, AR 72641; (870) 446-5122; fax (870) 446-2065; e-mail: [mmulford@fs.fed.us](mailto:mmulford@fs.fed.us)

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