



LEGAL NOTICES

**Public Comments Invited
LOCUST GAP PROJECT
USDA – FOREST SERVICE
Ozark-St. Francis National
Forest**

**Pleasant Hill Ranger District,
Johnson County, Arkansas**

Dear Reader,

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Locust Gap Project is available for public review and comment. The project area is located in Madison County, Arkansas. The Responsible Official for this project is District Ranger Pat Kowalewycz. The Locust Gap Project proposes vegetation, recreation, road, and wildlife treatments to improve forest health and enhance watershed conditions, ultimately transitioning from current conditions to the future desired conditions in accordance with the 2005 Revised LRMP. An electronic version of the draft EA is available for viewing on the following website: <http://prdp2fs.ess.usda.gov/detail/osfnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5212216.pdf>

To request a paper copy of the draft EA, contact Matt Pfeifler at (479) 754-2864. Comments may be sent by email to: comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-pleasant-hill@fs.fed.us

The Locust Gap Project is subject to administrative review under 36 CFR 218 Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process, Parts A and B. Specific written comments about this project as defined by 36 CFR 218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are sent in a timely manner.

An objection period, if required, will follow the regulation found in (36 CFR 218.7). For objection eligibility (36 CFR 218.5), only those who have submitted timely, specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public comment may file an objection. Issues to be raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after a designated opportunity to comment (36 CFR 218.8(c)). Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Comments about this project will be accepted at any time; however, in order to be eligible to file an objection, the comments must be received within 30 days, beginning the day after this publication in *The Graphic*. The designated timeframe for this comment period is September 25, 2014 to October 24, 2014. This is the exclusive means for calculating the time frame in which to submit comments.

Our mailing address is: US Forest Service, 2591 Hwy 21 N, Clarksville, AR. 72830. You may also call, stop by the office, (business hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday). Please state "Locust Gap Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail. If you have questions on this environmental assessment, the proposal or the analysis decision process, please call Matt Pfeifler at 479-754-2864.

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