

Decision Notice and Finding of no Significant Impact for the Fairview Campground Decommission Project U.S. Forest Service Ozark St-Francis National Forests, Big Piney Ranger District Newton, Pope and Johnson Counties, Arkansas:

Based upon my review of the Fairview Campground Decommission Project Environmental Assessment (EA), I have decided to Implement The Proposed Action.

The scope of this Decision applies to the Fairview Campground Decommission Project Area which is approximately 23 acres on the Big Piney Ranger District.

Closure of the south loop road by placing large boulders to restrict access. To accomplish this task, large boulders currently outlining the south loop road would be relocated to block off the south loop road. Once completed the road bed would be seeded and fertilized to prevent erosion.

This Decision includes the removal of the following amenities including rock or concrete pads associated with the improvements. All areas with exposed soil would be seeded and fertilized. Camping amenities including but not limited to: Picnic tables, Fire rings, Lantern posts, Trash bins and the bathroom facility.

South loop water hydrant including pedestal which has not been functional for several years. Relocation of the Fairview vault toilet and/or placement of a new vault toilet at Moccasin Gap and/or Richland Creek recreation areas. The existing vault toilet would be relocated to one of the previously mentioned recreational areas. The other recreational area would receive a new vault toilet as part of this proposal. The hole from removal would be filled in and the exposed soil seeded and fertilized. If the bathroom facility cannot be moved or is damaged beyond repair, this proposal includes the placement of two new vault toilets at the previously mentioned locations.

Removal and replacement of the current Fairview Campground sign on Highway 7 with a Fairview OHT trail head sign.

Removal of the kiosk and fee tube. After removal all holes would be filled and the exposed soil seeded and fertilized.

Relocation of approximately 0.3 miles to the Ozark Highlands Trail. The old existing trail would be obliterated and the exposed soil seeded and fertilized.

Construction of a new kiosk and registration box at the trail head parking area.

This Decision is not subject to Objection: (36 CFR 218.4) Proposed projects and activities are not subject to objection when no timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity (see §218.2) are received during any designated opportunity for public comment (see §218.5(a)). The responsible official must issue a statement in the Record of Decision or Decision Notice that the project or activity was not subject to objection. No timely, specific written response (comment) was received.

This 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+stelpd521222>

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