



File Code: 1950-1

Date: August 7, 2008

Dear Interested Party

Today, I signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) to implement Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) of the Brush Hollow Salvage Environmental Assessment.

The DN/FONSI and Appendix C - Response to the 30-Day Public Comments are enclosed. The DN/FONSI explains my rationale for reaching this decision. Appendix C includes a summary of comments received during the 30-day comment period and our responses to those comments. Comments received on this action are part of the public record and are available for public inspection upon request.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. Appeals may be filed by persons or non-Federal organizations or entities that provided comments or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action during the comment period (36 CFR 215.6). Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. An appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer (36 CFR 215.8) within 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice. However, when the 45 day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day.

Written appeals shall be sent to Leanne M. Marten, Appeal Deciding Officer, Attn: Appeals and Litigation, USDA-Forest Service, Eastern Region, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Appeals may be faxed to (414) 944-3963, Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. Normal business hours (for hand-delivered appeals) are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Electronic appeals should be directed to appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Electronic appeals should be in txt, rtf, doc, pdf, or other Microsoft Office compatible formats.

The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (*The Kane Republican*, Kane, Pennsylvania) is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal (36 CFR 215.15(a)) and those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the appeal-filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of appeal disposition. In the event of multiple appeals of the same decision, the implementation date is controlled by the date of the last appeal decision.



The project file is available for review at the Marienville Ranger District office. Copies of the environmental assessment, DN/FONSI, and other project documents are available upon request from the Marienville Ranger District and on the Allegheny National Forest website at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/projects/vegetative_management/

If you need any additional information on this project, please contact Kevin Treese, District NEPA Coordinator at (814) 927-5759.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert T. Fallon
ROBERT T. FALLON
District Ranger

Enclosures: Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Appendix C – Response to 30 Day Public Comments, and Errata