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Athens Ranger District

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Dear Interested Party:

I am writing to invite you to provide comments on the following project being proposed on the Athens Ranger District (Marietta unit) on the Wayne National Forest. I have also enclosed a map of the project areas.

The Forest Service proposes to issue a Special Use Permit to Edward Brown to use approximately 600 feet of an existing road across federal land to access his private property, located in Section 14 T5N, R7W Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio. No new road construction will be required by issuing this permit. Access across federal lands is the only feasible location due to terrain features, such as high walls. Mr. Brown will help maintain the road for private travel to Forest Service standards.

I realize that your time is valuable and want you to know I appreciate the time you spend reviewing and commenting on this project. To ensure that we have an opportunity to consider your comments before a final decision, please provide your comments to the above address by August 12, 2009, and when submitting comments be sure to include your name, current physical mailing address, and signature or other verification of identity. Please make your comments specific to the proposed actions listed above. You may also send comments by E-mail to: [comments-eastern-wayne-athens@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-wayne-athens@fs.fed.us).

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and if denied, the Agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within five days.

If you have no comments at this time, but wish to remain on the mailing list for this project, please call or write to show your interest. Thank you for your interest in the Wayne National Forest.

This environmental analysis is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500), and the Forest Service Regulations, Manual and Handbook direction

Please contact Tom Thompson at 740-373-5017 or Steve Sapio at 740-373-5046 if you have any questions.

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