

Wayne National Forest

Administrative Correction # 6 Acreage of Crop Tree Release in First Decade

Administrative corrections are defined at 36 CFR 219.31(b) (2000 Planning Rule) and may be made at any time and are not plan amendments or revisions, and do not require public notice or the preparation of an environmental document under Forest Service NEPA procedures.

Administrative corrections include the following:

- (1) Corrections and updates of data and maps;
- (2) Updates to activity lists and schedules as required by Sec. 219.30(d)(1)-(6);
- (3) Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes; and
- (4) Changes in monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (Sec. 219.11(c)).

The objective of a Crop Tree Release (CTR) treatment in a young stand on the Wayne National Forest is to ensure that desirable species, particularly oaks and hickories, will survive and become major components of the mature stands.

The 2006 Wayne Forest Plan estimated an acreage that may need to be treated during the first decade to release desired species, such as Oak, in young stands; this practice was referred to as Crop Tree Release (CTR). The projected number of acres to be treated (2,113 acres) was based on the best available information when the environmental analysis was being conducted and when the environmental impact statement (EIS) was being developed. These estimates were identified in the Draft EIS (DEIS) and Final EIS (FEIS) and were used in conducting formal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the potential effects of the revised forest plan on federally listed threatened and endangered species. The analysis of acreage of potential CTR treatments in the FEIS was carried over to the Forest Plan in Appendix D to the Forest Plan.

The Forest has been conducting project-level analyses for site specific projects since the FEIS and 2006 Forest Plan were released. One of the results of these site-specific analyses is that more acreage is being identified that would benefit from CTR than was projected in the development of the Forest Plan. It is now apparent that the estimates of acreage needing CTR treatments in the first decade exceeds the amount projected in Appendix D to the Forest Plan and the amount analyzed in the FEIS for the Forest Plan .

In addition, since the Forest Plan was revised the Forest has acquired land from private parties, and many of these areas have been clearcut prior to being acquired by the Wayne (some of these were cut within the last 2 decades). At this time at least 400 acres need to be treated on land recently acquired by the Forest Service.

An ID team considered the best available scientific information available with regard to the acreage of crop tree release that could potentially be treated during the first decade. The ID team found there is no need at this time to supplement, revise, or correct the Environmental Impact Statement for the 2006 Forest Plan, or to supplement, revise, or correct project-specific environmental documents for this proposed increase in acres treated for crop tree release. However, the ID Team found that a correction should be made to the table shown in Appendix D (table on page D-11) of the Forest Plan.

We have consulted with USFWS regarding this change and have a concurrence letter on file.

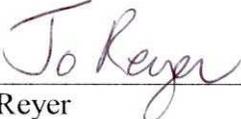
These changes are considered updates to activity lists and schedules under the administrative corrections direction.

Changes to the **2006 Forest Plan** are shown in the following table.

Page	Location of Information	Change
Appendix D, Page D-11	Table at bottom of pg D-11 and D-12	1. Crop Tree Release, change acreage from 2,113 acres to 9,500 acres.

A copy of the corrected page is attached.

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Date