

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Baldwin/White Cloud District Special Uses Projects

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, have received numerous requests for continued year-round use and maintenance of existing Forest Service Roads (FSR), new road access, and temporary road access to their personal properties on the Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District. All roads would be maintained at level 2-3, encouraging high clearance to passenger vehicles. Maintenance would include grading, cleaning out ditches, spot graveling, brushing vegetation, and snowplowing. If allowed, the decisions would be implemented by issuing new 10-year permits, 30-year special use easements, and 1-year temporary special use road permits for the road use, and maintenance. The following are the requests.

1. FSR 6166, located in S1/2, section 13, T16N R17W, Oceana County, Michigan. The area requested is north of Mr. Sauser's private property. The area requested measures approximately 1,320 feet in length x 14 feet wide or .42 acres. A 30-year easement is being proposed.
2. FSR 8965, located in E1/2, section 22, T19N R14W, Lake County, Michigan. The area requested is west of Mac Road, east of Mr. Anderson's private property. The area requested measures approximately 2,640 feet in length x 16.5 feet wide or 1 acre. A 30-year easement is being proposed.
3. A Temporary Road Permit is being requested by Mr. Marc Draper to use FSR 5290, located in the S1/4, section 5, T14N R15W, Oceana County, Michigan to haul timber from his private property to the north of the forest road. The area requested measures approximately 2,640 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .73 acres. A 1-year temporary special use permit is being proposed.
4. A new road entrance to his private property is being requested by Mr. Doug Peuler. He currently has a 10 year private road special use permit to use an unclassified forest road measuring 1,584 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .44 acres. The permit expires on 12/31/2011. His property is located approximately 300 yards due west of 116th Ave. in the N1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4, section 31, Otto Township, Oceana County, Michigan. He is proposing the new entrance to develop his property for year-round residency and the new route due west of 116th Ave. would be less road traveled and easier to maintain in the future. The area requested measures approx. 900 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .25 acres. A 30-year easement is being proposed for the new construction road.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding these roads please contact Kathy Bietau, at the Baldwin Ranger District, 650 N. Michigan Ave., Drawer D, Baldwin, Michigan 49304, (231)745-4631, ext. 3117.