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Date: September 13, 2010

Dear Forest User;

On September 8, 2010, Huron Shores District Ranger Sue Kocis signed a written decision to implement the Brittle II Fuels Reduction Project. The decision was made to implement **Alternative 5** (Fifty Foot Vegetation Strip) as documented in the attached Decision Notice. The following is a summary of the activities to be implemented;

- Reduce hazardous fuels in the wildland-urban interface by creating fuelbreaks through timber sales and/or hand and mechanical methods. Maintain the fuelbreaks using mechanical methods and/or prescribed fire.
- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health by returning prescribed fire into fire adapted ecosystems.
- Work in cooperation with Consumers Power in an all lands approach to manage the resources for the reduction of hazardous fuels, and restore ecosystem health. This would be pursued through the use of the Wyden Amendment (Public Law 109-54, Section 434) authorizing the Forest Service to enter into cooperative agreements to benefit resources within watersheds of National Forest Lands.

For specifics of the activities to be implemented, refer to the attached Brittle II Fuels Reduction Decision Notice.

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215 by those who supplied comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal before the close of the 30-day comment period. The appeal must be filed in writing with the Responsible Official. Please refer to the *Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities* section in the attached Decision Notice for specifics on how to pursue and appeal.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Sincerely,

SUSAN M. KOCIS
Huron Shores District Ranger
Huron-Manistee National Forests

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit such comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request that a submission be withheld from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that confidentiality is granted in only very limited circumstances. The Forest Service will inform the requester of its decision regarding a request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the submission will be returned and the requester notified that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

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