



**File Code: 1950**

**Date: August 23, 2010**

Dear Reader:

The Forest Service is proposing to grant a special use permit to Ross Explorations, Inc. to install a gas pipeline on Forest Service land.

This activity is being proposed in Section 34, T7N, R25W of the Mt. Magazine Ranger District. This site is located approximately four miles southwest of Subiaco, Arkansas, in Logan County. See the attached map for the location. This project has been named the "Ross Explorations, Inc. Goodson #1-34 Tie-In Pipeline Project."

The proposed pipeline on Forest Service land would connect a planned section of pipeline on private property to a planned and approved section of pipeline on Forest Service land. The permanent permitted right-of-way for the proposed pipeline on Forest Service land would be approximately 800 feet in length by 30 feet in width. Permitted pipeline right-of-way will be measured out from the back slope, fill slope, or ditch of the roadway, whichever applies. Total disturbed acres would be approximately 0.6 acres.

A 4-inch or less in diameter pipeline would be buried with 36 inches of cover unless in solid rock, in which case the cover would be 24 inches with Forest Service approval. Construction would be done with machinery such as a trackhoe. Merchantable trees in the right-of-way would be marked and sold to Ross Explorations, Inc. Ross Explorations, Inc. would be required to chip, haul off or burn or otherwise dispose of right-of-way clearing debris. The right-of-way clearing would be fertilized, seeded with wildlife seed mixtures, and mulched to Forest Service standards.

Ross Explorations, Inc. would be responsible for any associated tree mortality along the pipeline corridor for a period of three years. This would include Ross Explorations, Inc. removing dead/dying trees as designated by the Forest Service as a safety hazard along the linear route.

Above-ground set locations shall be identified by the operator and approved by the Forest Service prior to installation. The sets shall be painted in approved colors including those required for safety.

If the decision is made to grant a special use permit for this proposal, pipeline specifications and mitigation measures would be included in the permit. Construction is expected to begin upon approval from the Forest Service.

I invite your comments on this proposed action. Please use the enclosed comment form. Comments must be postmarked on or before September 3, 2010.

The Interdisciplinary Team will use your comments as they identify issues about this proposal and as they develop alternatives to the proposal for my consideration. The team will analyze the proposed action and alternatives and summarize the disclosure of environmental effects in an environmental document.

If you have questions on this proposal or the analysis and decision process, please contact Vicki Weindel or me at 479-963-3076.

*/s/ Rob Kopack*

ROB KOPACK  
Deputy District Ranger

Attachments

**MT. MAGAZINE RANGER DISTRICT  
OZARK-ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FORESTS**

***ROSS EXPLORATIONS, INC.  
GOODSON #1-34 TIE-IN PIPELINE PROJECT***

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*COMMENTS:*

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

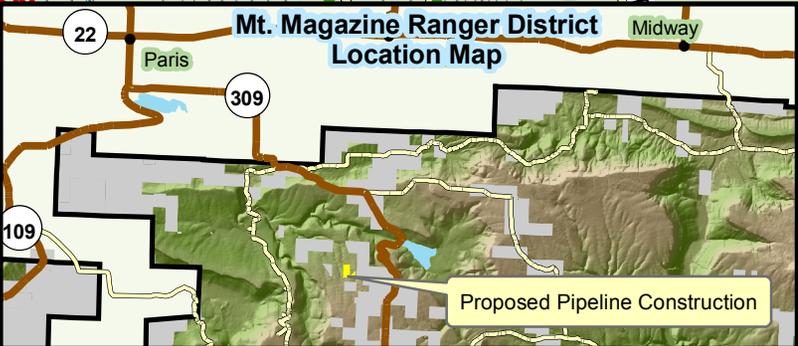
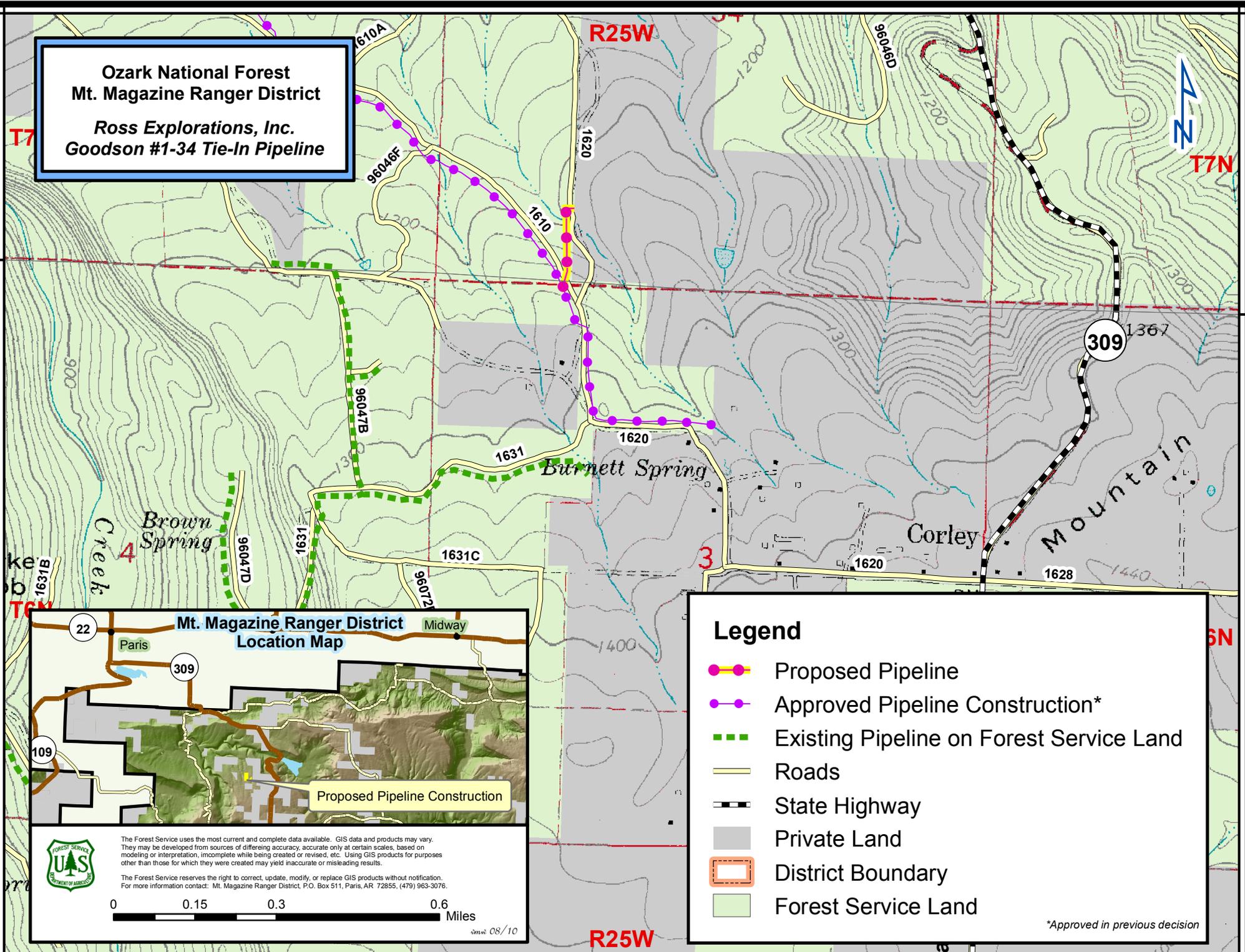
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***PLEASE POSTMARK OR RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2010:***

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Ozark National Forest  
 Mt. Magazine Ranger District  
 Ross Explorations, Inc.  
 Goodson #1-34 Tie-In Pipeline



### Legend

- Proposed Pipeline
- Approved Pipeline Construction\*
- Existing Pipeline on Forest Service Land
- Roads
- State Highway
- Private Land
- District Boundary
- Forest Service Land

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