



File Code: 1950

Date: May 21, 2009

Interested Individuals:

Thank you for participating in the environmental analysis process for the Greasy Creek EA on the Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District of the Cherokee National Forest. As the responsible official for this project I am considering selecting Alternative 2 for implementation because it best leads to the desired future condition in compartments 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 309, 311, 312, 357, and 375. Alternative 2 recommends vegetation management to provide for wildlife habitat and forest health improvements, and transportation system improvements.

Your comments regarding the proposal are welcome, as a final decision has not been made. The proposal and analysis are posted on the Cherokee National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r8/cherokee/planning/ea.shtml. If you would like a hardcopy of the proposal and associated environmental analysis please contact Janan Hay at the addresses or phone number listed below.

In accordance with 36 CFR 215.6 (a) (3), individuals or organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information in their comments:

- (1) Name and physical address.
- (2) Title of the proposed action.
- (3) Specific comments (215.2) on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.
- (4) Signature or other means of identification verification. For organizations, a signature or other means of identification verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent your organization.

Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days beginning the day after publication of this notice in the *Polk County News*, Benton, TN. Comments should be sent to: Janan Hay at 3171 Highway 64, Benton, TN 37307-5823: telephone (423) 253-8400: or fax (423) 253-2804. Oral or hand delivered comments must be received within our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be mailed electronically to: comments-southern-cherokee-ocoe-hiwassee@fs.fed.us.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including 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.

Copies of the Decision Notice will be mailed to individuals who submit comments during the comment period and to individuals who request copies of it.



If you have questions, please contact Janan Hay at (423) 253-8400.

Sincerely,

/s/ Monte L Williams
MONTE L. WILLIAMS
District Ranger