

Huron-Manistee National Forests  
Baldwin and White Cloud Ranger Districts  
Private Road Easement Proposals

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, have received requests from private landowners for year-round use and maintenance of existing Forest Service Roads (FSR) to access their properties on the Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District. No other reasonable means of access exist. All roads would be maintained at level 2-3, allowing for use by passenger vehicles. Maintenance would include grading, cleaning out ditches, spot graveling, brushing vegetation, and snowplowing. If allowed, the decisions would be implemented by issuing 30-year private road easements for road use and maintenance. An annual fee would be collected. The following requests will be analyzed:

1. Ms. Guetschow has submitted an application to use a portion of Forest Service Road (FR) 5231 located in the SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 21 and NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 28, T13N, R16W (Otto Township), Oceana County, Michigan and a short spur, ~ 200 feet, that would need to be constructed to connect the private property to FR 5231. FR 5231 is gated and is located east of McKinley Road where it turns south and becomes 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The proposed easement measures approximately 2,840 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .78 acres.
2. Mr. Yderstad has submitted an application to use an unclassified Forest Service road located in the NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 11, T17N, R14W (Lake Township), Lake County, Michigan. The unclassified road is gated and is located on the south side of 56<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed easement measures approximately 1,320 feet in length x 12 feet wide or .36 acres. It appears when you look at the map for Lake Township that Mr. Yderstad's property has frontage on S. Mac Road, he does not because the county road is not located on the section line.
3. Mr. Peuler has submitted an application to construct approximately 350 feet of road, 12 feet wide, from 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue to his property located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 31, T13N R16W (Otto Township), Oceana County. He currently has a private road permit to use an existing Forest Service unclassified road not on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) that will expire on 12/31/2011. The permit road is .3 miles long and 14 feet wide and is not gated. The existing road gets a lot of illegal wood cutting and ATV use. We are proposing to issue a new 30 year easement to Mr. Peuler for the new location. Mr. Peuler will be responsible for the construction of the new road and the closing and obliteration of the existing road.

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