

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Amendment #1, Ohio State University Jack Pine Regeneration Research Project
Mio, Harrisville, and Tawas Ranger Districts
August, 2011

The Huron-Manistee National Forests received a request from Ohio State University to use additional National Forest System (NFS) land for their permitted research project on the structural characteristics of naturally regenerated jack pine on the Mio, Harrisville, and Tawas Ranger Districts. The additional areas are located within the burn perimeters of: the Aldrich fire in Alcona County and the Luzerne and Zimoske fires in Oscoda County. Areas that are currently occupied by Kirtland's warbler will be excluded.

The project includes measuring forest stand characteristics and taking soil samples on from jack pine stands that regenerated naturally after wildfire, prescribed fire, or harvesting events on an area 200 acres or larger. Data collection will be conducted from June through December, 2011.

If allowed an amendment to their temporary special use permit would be issued to include the new locations. They have also requested the Special Use Fee be waived and the authorization be issued "Free Use" in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 251.57(b)(3) because "the holder provides without charge, or at a reduced charge, a valuable benefit to the public or to the programs of the secretary". The benefit provided is resource information on jack pine management.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this project please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.