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**Date:** August 1, 2012

Dear Reader:

The Pleasant Hill Ranger District is proposing to salvage timber devastated by a wildfire and to restore the site by planting trees and seeding grass. Follow-up measures may include release treatments to free the seedlings of unwanted competition. The wildfire occurred in Johnson County, Arkansas. The legal description is: Sections 18-19, Township 12 North, Range 22 West (see map).

We are inviting comments from the public to help us make the best decision on the proposed project. It will be known as the "**Bee Ridge Wildfire Restoration Project.**"

### **Proposed Action**

This action will take place in an area where a severe wildfire occurred in Johnson County northeast of Clarksville, Arkansas. This wildfire caused extensive timber mortality on approximately 189 acres of the Ozark. The wildfire and salvage area is located approximately 2 miles south of the Rosetta Road (FDR 1003) and Rosetta Cemetery, down the Bee Ridge Road (FDR 1421). Specific activities consist of a commercial salvage harvest of dead and severely damaged trees. Removal of these trees would reduce the amount of hazardous fuels caused by the fire and increase the safety of forest visitors and Forest Service personnel. Planting of pine/hardwood will occur as well as seeding of grass to stabilize roads and openings. Release measures may also be needed to assure survival of planted seedlings. All of these treatments will be accomplished by manual methods after the salvage harvest is completed.

Implementation of this project would occur in 2012.

### **Documentation**

The Forest Service will provide to the public this notice and comment period, and opportunity for administrative appeal for projects and activities documented with a "Decision Memo" (36 CFR 220.6(e)(11) & (13)). Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposal during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Johnson County Graphic. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Electronic comments must be submitted in a common digital format.

For additional information, please contact Pat Kowalewycz at (479) 754-2864; or mail to: District Ranger, Pleasant Hill Ranger District, 2591 Hwy 21, Clarksville, Arkansas, 72830. Our email address is: [comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-pleasanthill@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-pleasanthill@fs.fed.us)

Sincerely,

/s/Pat Kowalewycz  
PAT KOWALEWYCZ  
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Enclosure

