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Notice of opportunity to comment

North 40 Scrub Management Project
USDA Forest Service
National Forests in Florida – Ocala National Forest

The Forest Service requests public comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the North 40 Scrub Management Project on the Ocala National Forest in Lake and Marion Counties, FL. Proposed activities include: Creating about 12,500 acres of habitat for the Florida scrub-jay through timber sales, mechanical treatments, and prescribed burning. Activities would include commercial harvesting sand pine and crooked wood, road reconstruction and maintenance, mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, and seeding sand pine. Restoring longleaf pine and native groundcover to about 90 acres within the OHV Administrative Site (formerly a sand pine seed orchard for genetically improved stock) and at another old sand pine seed orchard. The EA is available on , the project website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48815 or upon request (contact Jared Nobles, jarednobles@fs.fed.us, 352-625-2520).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B, the Forest Service is seeking comments on this proposal. Carl Bauer, District Ranger, is the responsible official for this project. Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days beginning the day after publication of this legal notice. Oral or hand-delivered comments must be received within normal business hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday, closed on Federal holidays. Comments may be mailed electronically, in common digital format, to comments-southern-florida-lakegeorge@fs.fed.us. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project will be eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). The content of comments, including the names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the public record for this project.

Your comments should contain the following: 1) Name, address, and (if possible) telephone number; 2) Title of the proposal on which comment is being submitted (i.e., "North 40 Scrub Management Project"; 3) Specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that you believe the Responsible Official should consider in reaching the decision. Comments can also be mailed to the District Ranger Carl Bauer, Ocala National Forest, 17147 E. Hwy 40 Silver Springs, FL 34488. For more information on this proposal contact Jared Nobles at (352) 625-2520 ext. 2512.

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