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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
Houston South Vegetation Management and Restoration Project
USDA – Forest Service
Hoosier National Forest
Brownstown Ranger District

The Responsible Official, Michelle Paduani, District Ranger of the Brownstown Ranger District prepared a draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Houston South Vegetation Management and Restoration (EA). The project includes activities to move the Forest toward its desired future condition as identified in the 2006 Hoosier National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The project proposes to treat vegetation and conduct related management activities to improve forest health and increase the sustainability of oak-hickory ecosystems, while also improving wildlife habitat. The project area is in Jackson and Lawrence Counties, Indiana; T7N, R2E, sections 14-16, 21-28 and 33-36; T7N, R3E, sections 22-23, 26-30, and 31-36; T6N, R3W, sections 2-6, 7-11, and 14-18; T6N, R2E, sections 1-4, 10-12, and 13. The EA, draft DN/FONSI, and other supporting information are available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55119>. These documents are also available upon request from the Hoosier National Forest Supervisor's Office at 811 Constitution Avenue, Bedford, IN 47421, 812-275-5987.

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during a designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in *Hoosier Times* (Bloomington *Herald-Times* and Bedford *Times-Mail*). The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted via mail or facsimile to: Objection Reviewing Officer; Attn: Administrative Review Staff, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202; FAX (414-944-3963) or delivered during business hours between 7:30 and 4:00 pm (Central Time) Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. Objections may be submitted by email to: objections-eastern-region@usda.gov with Subject: Objection, Houston South Vegetation Management and Restoration Project. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications.

Objections must meet the minimum requirements of 36 CFR 218.8(d): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

If no objection is received, a final decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the objection filing period. If an objection is received, a final decision will not occur before all instructions identified by the Reviewing Officer have been addressed. For further information on this draft decision, contact Kevin Amick at the Forest Supervisor's office or call (812) 275-5987.