



File Code: 1950

Date: February 26, 2021

Dear Interested Party,

The Sumter National Forest, Andrew Pickens Ranger District (District), has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice (DN) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Andrew Pickens White Pine Management project in Oconee County, SC. The District proposes silviculture treatments on approximately 1,952 acres of Eastern white pine plantations to restore more diverse, better-adapted forest types and increase wildlife habitat diversity. Proposed treatments are distributed across the District. The project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Information for the project, including the EA, DN and FONSI, is available on-line at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55429>.

How to File an Objection and Timeframe

The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in *The Seneca Journal*. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period, unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities. Interested individuals or entities who have not previously commented may gain limited eligibility to object based on new information, but only for issues that arise based on new information where that information is truly new and was not available during the designated public comment opportunity.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d), and the incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer.

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with the reviewing officer, Rick Lint, Forest Supervisor. Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, comments must be submitted either by mail to Rick Lint, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212, or electronically to SM.FS.r8fmssobj@usda.gov. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx). Please state "AP White Pine" in the subject line when providing electronic objections or on the envelope when replying by mail. Objections received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who object, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection during and after the objection process.



Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from: Victor Wyant, 864-638-9568 or victor.wyant@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: ROBERT SITZLAR
ROBERT SITZLAR
District Ranger