

Draft Decision Notice and Opportunity to Object

Huron-Manistee National Forests

Oscoda County, Michigan

Three Lakes EA Project

An environmental assessment (EA), finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and draft decision notice (DN) have been completed for the Three Lakes EA Project, located on Mio Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. I am planning to implement Alternative 2, the proposed action described in the EA. The draft DN, FONSI and EA are available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/hmnf/land-management/projects> under the "Three Lakes EA" Project listing. Printed copies are also available upon request at the: Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, MI 48647.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who previously submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period (36 CFR 218.25(a)). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments regarding the proposed project, unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Oscoda County Herald. The publication date of this legal notice is the only means for calculating the time to file an objection. The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d), and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9). All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

The objection reviewing officer for this project is Leslie Auriemmo, Huron-Manistee National Forests Supervisor. Objections, including any attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, or hand delivery (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: PAL-LSC Objections, USDA Forest Service, Gaslight Building, Suite 700, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202

FAX 414-944-3963; or electronically with an email to objections-eastern-region@fs.fed.us. Please type "Three Lakes EA Project" in the subject line. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html email, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications.

At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identify of lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and name of the national forest and ranger district on which the project will be implemented; 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project, if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

If no objection is received, a final decision may occur on, but not before the 5th business day following the end 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. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Brad Bolton, Mio District Ranger, at (989) 826-3252.