

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS
ANALYSIS UNIT 24 PROJECT
HOMOCHITTO NATIONAL FOREST
WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Homochitto Ranger District is proposing vegetative management and associated activities to enhance wildlife habitat and address a variety of forest health needs within Analysis Unit 24. This unit encompasses approximately 2,194 acres of National Forest Land located in Wilkinson County, and centered approximately 3 miles west of Crosby and 2 miles south of Rosetta, Mississippi. The analysis area lies within the Foster Creek watershed and includes Compartments 250, 251(portion) and 252.

Proposed activities include regeneration of approximately 298 acres by various methods and thinning approximately 1020 acres of sawtimber and small roundwood. Connected actions including associated site preparation, prescribed burning, and transportation needs are included in the proposal. All management activities being considered would take place on public lands administered by the Forest Service.

We are in the process of gathering initial information (scoping) for an Environmental Assessment being prepared to evaluate the impacts of this project. Please assist us in this analysis by sharing any special knowledge, interests, or concerns you may have related to this project area or the proposed activities. Written comments may be submitted to: District Ranger, 1200 Highway 184 East, Meadville, Mississippi 39653. You can also comment by telephoning either Charles Price or Steve Goodson at (601) 384-5876. To insure your comments are included in the analysis, please be sure that they are received by August 30, 2003.