

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION FOR HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS, MICHIGAN, LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION

Randy Moore, Regional Forester, Eastern Region, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, decided to implement the revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests based on a modified Alternative B, from the plan revision Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Regional Forester signed the Record of Decision on March 20, 2006. The Record of Decision describes the modified Alternative B and discusses the rationale for selecting this alternative. The revised Plan, which replaces the amended 1986 plan, establishes direction for managing natural resources over the next 10 to 15 years on National Forest System land in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. National Forest System land will also be managed using direction from relevant laws, regulations, and Forest Service Manuals and Handbooks. While no project-level decisions were considered during the revision process, the following was decided: Forest-wide multiple use goals and objectives; Forest-wide management requirements for protecting resources; management area direction; land suited and not suited for timber management; monitoring and evaluating requirements; and recommendations to Congress, such as wilderness and wild and scenic river designations. The Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and revised Forest Plan are being sent to individuals and organizations who have requested a copy. Copies of these documents are available upon request from: Forest Plan Revision Team, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601, or by telephone at (231) 775-2421. These documents are also available on the Huron-Manistee National Forests' webpage: www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/planning.htm

APPEALS: This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 217. A written notice of appeal must be submitted to the Chief of the Forest Service within 90 calendar days following notice of this decision in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the official paper of record for decisions made by the Regional Forester.



The appeal period for this decision begins the day following this notice's publication. All time periods in this rule are computed using calendar days. However, if the filing period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the end of the next federal working day. Appellants are requested to indicate they are appealing the decision on the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan revision. The use of Microsoft Word® (.doc), WordPerfect® (.wpd) or Adobe® (.pdf) is recommended. Any notice of appeal must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9. The appeal regulations can be found online through a link located at:

www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/appeals.htm, or by contacting the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Send appeals to the Chief at either of the following postal addresses: USDA Forest Service – Appeals Group, Attn: EMC Staff, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Mailstop Code 1104, Washington, DC 20250-1104; or via express mail: USDA Forest Service – Ecosystem Management Coordination, 201 14th Street, SW, 3rd Floor, Central Wing, Washington, DC 20024, telephone (202) 205-0895. Increased security requirements can delay regular mail; the express mail address may provide earlier delivery. Appeals can also be sent electronically to: appeals-chief@fs.fed.us. A copy of the appeal must be sent simultaneously to the deciding officer: Regional Forester of the Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (email to: appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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