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Dear Concerned Citizen:

On January 27, 2005, Huron-Manistee Forest Supervisor, Leanne M. Marten, signed a decision to implement the USA & State South Branch 1-8 Well Project. This project is located in Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Sections 7, 8, and 9 in Crawford County, Michigan. Enclosed are 2 documents: 1) the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, and 2) the responses to comments received during both 30-day comment periods.

This decision includes the following actions: 1) constructing approximately 50 feet of road, 2) maintaining approximately 1 mile of road, 3) constructing a well pad and reserve pit, 4) drilling directionally to a depth of approximately 2 miles, and if the well is productive, 5) stimulation and completion of the well, 6) constructing approximately 1.7 miles of flowlines, 7) constructing a production facility that could include a tank battery, a heater-treater, a separator, and a compressor (compressors are housed in a small building, 8) rehabilitating a portion of the well pad not needed for long-term well operation, and if the well is not productive, 9) rehabilitating the entire well pad and road, and 10) plugging the well.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 by those who supplied substantive comments on this proposal during either of the 30 day comment periods. Written notice of appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14 entitled "Appeal content." Written notice of appeal must be postmarked and submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, attention: Appeals Deciding Officer, 626 East Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53202. Appeals may be hand delivered to the office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Appeals may be faxed to the following number (414) 297-3808; or electronically mailed to:

[appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us)

Acceptable format for electronic appeals are XT, HTML, or Adobe Portable Document format, or formats viewable with Microsoft Office applications. Appeals must be received within 45 days of the date of public notification of this decision in the Cadillac News.

All time periods are computed using calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. However, when the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day (11:59 p.m.). The day after publication of the legal notice of the decision in the newspaper of record (215.7) is the first day of the appeal-filing period. The publication date of the legal notice of the decision in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Appellants should not rely on date or time from information provided by any other source.

The decision will not be implemented until at least 5 business days after the close of the appeal period if no appeals are received, or 15 days after the disposition of the appeal.

If you have any questions or comments on this project, feel free to call or write me at the address and phone number above.



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The Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment for this project are also available for review at the Mio Ranger District office (Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), or at:

[www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/proposed\\_projects.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/proposed_projects.htm)

I appreciate your interest in the management of the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven A. Goldman

STEVEN A. GOLDMAN  
District Ranger

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