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Dear Forest Neighbor,

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to implement the *Forest Service Road (FSR) 3027 Snowmobile, ATV and Motorcycle Trail Relocation Project* on the Mio Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. This letter is being sent to provide you the opportunity to comment on this project.

The project area is located in Oscoda County, Michigan approximately 2 miles west of Luzerne. The project area is just north of M-72. (Township 26 North, Range 1 East, NE, Sec 28; W 1/2 NW, Sec 27; S 1/2, Sec 21; and SW, Sec 22).

The purpose of the project is resolve land use issues by relocating segments of the authorized shared use Forest Road 3027/snowmobile trail, and segments of the ATV and motorcycle trail. These authorized travel routes are partially located on private land that directly borders National Forest System Lands. To address these issues, this project proposes: (reference enclosed map)

#### Proposed Action

- Close a 0.34 mile segment of Forest Service Road (FSR) 3027 / H56-1 Trail to public use, which is located on private land.
- Relocate and construct 0.50 mile segment of Michigan Shore-to-Shore North Spur Trail H56-1/Snowmobile Trail to by-pass private land. The new replacement connecting segment for FSR 3027 starts just south of M72 and would connect from FSR 3013 to FSR 3037.
- Relocate and construct 0.50 mile segment of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail H58-7 to by-pass trespass trail segment.
- Relocate and construct road junction FSR 3027/FSR 3037 on National Forest System Lands. This rerouted junction would be moved just off of private land and be 0.10 mile in length.
- Close and relocate 0.37 miles of ORV Trail H58-7 and Michigan Cross-Country Cycle Trail (MCCCT) H58-8 segments to avoid private property in the northeast corner of section 28.
- Construct a new 0.47 mile shared use trail segment of MCCCT/ORV Trail between FSR 3037 and ORV Trail H58-7.
- Construct a 0.03 mile and a 0.10 mile trail segments of new MCCCT to connect with the shared use MCCCT/ORV Trail reroute. The 0.10 mile trail segment will share a segment of the new H56-1 Trail to complete the trail connection.
- Install gates and signs to assist in managing seasonally designated trail uses.

This proposal falls under Categorical Exclusion 31.2 (1) Construction and reconstruction of trails. A proposed action may be categorically excluded from documentation in environmental impact statements or environmental assessments if there are no extraordinary circumstances in accordance with Chapter 30 of Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30, Sections 31.1 or



31.2. This project is similar to previous projects on the Huron-Manistee National Forests where no adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative effects are known to have occurred.

For additional and more specific information regarding this proposed action, Robert Magon, Mio Ranger District, (989) 826-3252 ext 3313.

We are providing the opportunity for public comment on Categorical Exclusions (CEs) pursuant to the Appeals Reform Act. This 30-day comment period provides the final pre-decisional opportunity for public review of these proposed actions. Comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald. If the comment period ends on a Saturday or Sunday, or a Federal holiday, the comment period shall be extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. In order to have standing to appeal a decision under 36 CFR 215, you must submit comments or express interest during the 30-day comment period.

Comments will be considered by District Ranger, Steven A. Goldman in reaching a final decision. Mr. Goldman may be reached at the Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Rd., Mio, MI 48647 (M-F, 8-4:30), or by phone at 989-826-3252, 989-826-3592 (TTY), or 989-826-6073 (fax). E-mail comments to: [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us) (Email attachments must be readable by MS Office 2000 or Adobe Acrobat 5.0). Include (1) name, address, telephone number, name of organization represented and title, (2) title of document on which the comment is being submitted (Project Title), and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a final decision. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal prior to the close of the 30-day comment period.

If you have any questions, or need further information about this proposal, please contact Carrie Scott at the address or phone numbers above. Copies of the final decision (Decision Memo) will be mailed to people who submit comments, or who request a copy during or before the end of the comment period. Comments received in response to this project will become a matter of public record<sup>1</sup>.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steven A. Goldman*

Steven A. Goldman  
District Ranger

Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit such comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request that a submission be withheld from the public record by showing how the Freedom of information Act permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be

aware that confidentiality is granted in only very limited circumstances. The Forest Service will inform the requester of its decision regarding a request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the submission will be returned and the requester notified that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

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