

Finger Lakes National Forest *Schedule of Proposed Actions*



July 1 - September 30, 2003

ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions is to provide a status report and short summary of proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis on the Finger Lakes National Forest. Issued quarterly, this Schedule is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. Reference should be made to past or future Schedules for additional information. Early notice will allow the public to indicate and express their interest and concerns about specific proposals. The publishing of this Schedule is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Scoping letters asking for public input on individual proposals will continue to be mailed to interested individuals, or in some cases, the public will be notified via this Schedule. Legal notices announcing project decisions will continue to be published in the Ithaca Journal.

The Schedule of Proposed Actions lists projects by name, location, and a brief description of the proposal. Also included is the scoping date (which indicates when public participation began or will begin), decision date (which indicates the date a decision regarding the implementation of the proposal is expected) and the current status of the proposal.

Analysis which supports any decision is documented in either an Environmental Assessment (EA), or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Proposals which have been "categorically excluded" from documentation in

an EA or EIS are supported by project files, which may or may not include a Decision Memo.

The analysis and decision documents are kept on file at the Ranger District Office and are available for your review.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Your participation is important. Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comments on a project, get more information, or be placed on the project mailing list, write or call the Supervisor's Office or Ranger District Office. A generic statement of interest in all projects based on your review of this Schedule is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development. Project-specific involvement is required for standing.

Walk in Requests: Requests from the public occasionally necessitate that analysis be completed with a short turnaround time. This means that NEPA analyses may be conducted and decisions made without prior announcement in this NEPA quarterly update. Scoping efforts for such requests will be conducted as applicable in accordance to regulations. As decisions are made, they will continue to be announced by legal notices in the Ithaca Journal. Examples of walk-in requests include short-term special use permits for a recreation event on the forest.

Finger Lakes National Forest Quarterly Project List – 7/1/03 to 9/30/03

#	Project Name	Project Description	County	Town	Scoping Date	Decision Date	Status
	Finger Lakes NF Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) revision	A proposal to revise the Land and Resource Management Plan. [Not shown on map]	Schuyler, Seneca	Hector, Lodi, Covert	5/02	Record of Decision projected in 2005	Notice of Intent to revise the LRMP published May 2, 2002. Public meetings April 26, May 1, and June 5.
1	Caywood Point Forest Plan Amendment: Management Area (MA) Redesignation Proposal	The recently acquired lands adjacent to Seneca Lake (former Camp Seneca Boy Scout Camp) is proposed to be managed as a Forest Plan Special Area. This analysis proposes to redesignate the land from MA 9.2 to MA 8.1.	Seneca	Lodi	8/02	8/03	Analysis in progress for Forest Plan amendment. Site specific project analysis may be initiated at a later date.
2	Timber Stand Improvement	A proposal to cut competing saplings & pole-sized trees to provide increased growing space for remaining trees.	Schuyler	Hector	12/00; Winter 2002/2003	11/03	Further analysis pending completion of additional surveys.
3	Ditch Maintenance on Satterly Hill	Proposal to improve diversion ditch along existing roadway, including brush clearing.	Schuyler	Hector	6/03	9/03	Scoping completed. Letter to the file to be completed.
4	Pond Dredging	Proposal to dredge several ponds.	Seneca, Schuyler	Hector, Lodi	6/03	7/03	Analysis in progress toward a July decision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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