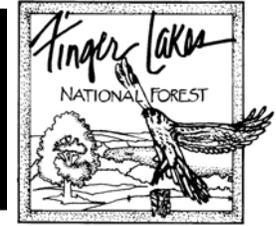


Finger Lakes National Forest *Schedule of Proposed Actions*



January 1 - March 31, 2004

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 – 1/1/04 to 3/31/04

#	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	Public involvement ongoing. Preliminary development of alternatives will occur this quarter.
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	2/04	Comments received on EA during public comment period. Decision expected Febuary.
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	1/04	Decision Memo to be signed in January.
	Wildlife Opening Maintenance	Proposal to burn, mow areas for wildlife habitat improvement on various areas of Forest. [Not shown on map]	Seneca, Schuyler	Hector, Lodi, Covert	1/04	4/04	Scoping expected in January. Analysis in progress.
3	Cotton Mill Timber Sale	Proposed timber harvest (thinnings) on 127 acres to enhance wildlife habitat and improve tree growth.	Schuyler	Hector	2/04	8/04	Scoping expected in February, with a decision next summer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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