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Greetings:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the decision notice for the Breedlove Road Access project on the Hoosier National Forest. After careful consideration of the alternatives and the effects, I have decided to implement an alternative that utilizes the Knight Ridge road access. Either Alternative D or E could be implemented. I base this decision on a review of the Hoosier National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (*Forest Plan*), the draft and final environmental impact statements for the *Forest Plan*, the analysis in the environmental assessment, and public input.

My decision includes the mitigation measures listed in the October 2002 Breedlove Road Access Environmental Assessment (EA). I will not issue a Hoosier NF road easement until the applicant acquires all other permits and rights-of-way from Monroe County, private, and State landowners. The applicant must also provide State-licensed engineer construction drawings of the proposed road easement across National Forest System (NFS) land for my review and approval. State and private land must be crossed before entering NFS land from State Road (SR) 446. Either the Knight Ridge Campground route or the Crossroads route, as found in the EA, may be used to link the National Forest System land to SR 446.

The analysis responded to a request from Roscoe Breedlove Jr. for road easement access to his landlocked property. This proposal is consistent with the *Forest Plan* Forest-wide guidance, the guidance for Management Area 2.4, and Hoosier NF guidance to provide access to adjacent property owners when no other reasonable access exists.

Public involvement has been an important part of the decisionmaking process for this project, as it is for all projects. The EA, including Appendix D (Public Comments on the October 3 Pre-decisional EA), and the decision notice are available at our offices in Tell City and Bedford and on our website, www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier. Please specify which documents, if any, you would like to receive. You may contact Tom Krueger (812-547-7051) for more information.

This decision is subject to the USDA Forest Service process for administrative review. Further information concerning appeals is found in the decision notice. We appreciate your interest in the Hoosier National Forest.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. DAY
Forest Supervisor

