

FACT SHEET

USDA Forest Service

Wayne National Forest, Ohio



- Due to the impacts of the recent ice storm and the number of trees severely damaged, a hazardous condition exists along all roads, trails, and other recreational facilities in the Ironton Ranger District.
- A few trees are so severely damaged and hazardous there is no way to safely cut them down.
- Blasting is an alternative that will aid in the safety of the firefighters, sawyers, and other forest service personnel working in the woods to facilitate openings of recreation areas.
- Blasting operations will expedite the reopening of recreational facilities and will ensure future public safety.
- Blasting should have minimal environmental impact as opposed to the use of mechanized equipment. No noise-related problems associated with the blasting are anticipated.
- All work will be performed by professional fireline blasting experts from Missoula, Montana and Ely, Minnesota.
- All blasting activities will be confined to federally owned property.