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Subject: Huron Shores Fuel Projects

To: Nick Schmelter

The Huron Shores Fuel Project consists of:

Red Key (T25N R5E Sec. 4 & 5): This project consisted of a timber sale in which approx. 80 acres being thinned or clear of Jack pine. Timber felling, skidding, and the creating of timber landing for the timber sale may occur within this project area. This project may proceed as planned.

Knuth (T23N R8E Sec. 1): The use of a hydro-axe to clear approx. 18 acres of land. This project may proceed as planned.

Pine River (T24N R7E Sec. 5 & 8, T25N R7E Sec. 32): This project consisted of a timber sale in which approx. 205 acres being thinned. Large dominant oaks or canopy pine will remain. Timber felling, skidding, and creating of timber landing for the timber sale may occur within this project area. This project may proceed as planned.

Sand Lake (T22N R6E Sec 3 & 10): This project consisted of a timber sale in which approx. 220 acres being thinned or clear of Jack pine. Timber felling, skidding, and the creating of timber landing for the timber sale may occur within this project area. Tree planting of 50 to 100 red pine per acre may be needed in some areas. All kettles/waterholes are to have a 100 meter perimeter bluffer. With this recommendation the project can proceed as planned.

High School (T23N R9E Sec. 4,5, & 9, T24N R9E Sec. 32): The use of a hydro-axe to clear approx. 59 acres of land. In this project area, there are three sites located within project area. The recommendation for *Montgomery's Last Site (09-04-06-200)* and *East Gate Site (09-04-06-86)* is to avoid the site completely. Both sites were given a 10 m to 20 m bluffer which can be identified by the pink and black flagging around the perimeter of site. *Osceola Dump Site* located on the east side of Grassy Lake Road may be hydro-axe due to the minimal ground disturbance that occurs during the process. This process of hydro-axe will not disturbed the integrity of the site and will create a fuel break for the residual hours that abut up to forest service land.

Westgate (T24N R5E Sec 24): Remove Jack pine through small firewood sale for approx. 18 acres or a timber sale. In this project area, there are two sites (*Jones's Prehistoric Site and Westgate Site*) located within project area. No timber sales will occur as previously planned. Recommend the use of a chain saw to harvest the timber to minimal the ground disturbance. Prefer the chain saw work to be done during winter season when the ground is frozen.

As with all land disturbing projects, real or suspected cultural resources that may be identified during the course of project preparation or implementation should be avoided until the district archaeologist has the opportunity to make an assessment. Refer to CRRR 09-04-06-116 for complete survey information and accompanying site records. Contact the district archaeologist if you have any questions.

JD
Jim Davis, Forest Archaeologist, has reviewed this cultural resources reconnaissance report (CRRR) and concurs with the findings presented here.

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