

**Decision Notice & Finding of No Significant Impact
for Middle Mountain Wildlife Savannah Project**

On September 28, 2007, the Responsible Official, Marlinton-White Sulphur District Ranger, Rondi Fischer, signed a Decision Notice approving the implementation of a modified Alternative 3 of the Middle Mountain Wildlife Savannah Project Environmental Assessment (EA). Her decision authorizes the following activities to be implemented: (1) Create five savannah units totaling about 45 acres; (2) provide water sources to wildlife close to savannahs, by restoring one existing water hole and creating two new water holes; (3) commercially thin about 85 acres of stands around savannah units; (4) create about 1.1 miles of new skid trail without blading to facilitate removal of commercial timber; (5) prescribe burn approximately 423 acres; (6) treat approximately 18 acres with herbicide; and (7) maintain approximately 28 acres of savannah units using a tractor and mower.

A copy of the Middle Mountain Wildlife Savannah Project Decision Notice and supporting information can be viewed at the Marlinton Ranger Office in Marlinton from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Copies can also be obtained from the Monongahela National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/ under "Forest Planning" or by contacting O'Dell Tucker at the Marlinton Ranger Office at 1103 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, WV 24954 TTY/VOICE 304-799-4334 (19).

This decision is subject to administrative appeal. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36CFR 215.14, and may be filed by persons or non-Federal organizations or entities that provided comments or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period. This decision will be published in the *Pocahontas Times*, which is the "Paper of Record" for this decision.

In accordance with 36 CFR 215.15(a)(b), a written Notice of Appeal must be postmarked and submitted to the following Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 calendar days after the date the notice of this decision is published in the *Pocahontas Times*: Clyde Thompson, Appeal Deciding Officer, Attn: USDA, Forest Service, Monongahela National Forest, ATTN: Clyde Thompson, Appeals Deciding Officer, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV 26241.

A Notice of Appeal may also be faxed to Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, (414) 944-3963 or hand-delivered to the above address during the normal business hours of 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. If submitted electronically, appeals should be directed to appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us. They should be in TXT, RTF, DOC, PDF or other Microsoft Office-compatible formats. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required.

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