

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR NEW SHADY LAKE RECREATION AREA ENTRANCE ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, is seeking public comment on the proposed construction of a new entrance road to the Shady Lake Recreation Area in the Ouachita National Forest. The new entrance road would follow the existing pioneer road for approximately 0.83 miles. The entrance road would then follow new alignment for approximately 0.49 miles. A new bridge would be built to span the Saline River. Approximately 0.73 miles of the existing entrance road would be upgraded, ending at the gated entrance north of the Recreation Area. The proposed improvements are needed to reduce the potential for conflicts between private landowners and visitors to the Recreation Area.

The public comment period opens on July 1, 2011 and closes on August 15, 2011. During the public comment period, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed improvements. The public comment period is part of the process to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

An electronic version of the EA can be found at [www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/environment.aspx](http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/environment.aspx). Written comments may be submitted by mail to Lisa Landers, FHWA Environmental Protection Specialist, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166; or by email to [Lisa.Landers@dot.gov](mailto:Lisa.Landers@dot.gov). To ensure that your comments are included in the process, they must be entered or post-marked by August 15, 2011. For more information, please contact Lisa Landers at (571) 434-1592.