

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

USDA Forest Service
Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area
Trigg County, Kentucky and Stewart County, Tennessee
2009 Season Prescribed Burning Projects

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, the Area Supervisor, William P. Lisowsky, is requesting comments for five separate prescribed fire projects to be conducted during February through April of 2009 at Land Between The Lakes (LBL). Five Decision Memos will be prepared upon completion of analyses in accordance with NEPA and FSH 1909.15. Sec. 31.2, Category 6. The request for comment letter, proposed actions, and maps for these projects can be accessed on LBL's website <http://www.lbl.org/LRMPPProjects.html>.

The Buffalo Trail Prescribed Burn Project will provide both open forest structure and woodland structure on approximately 2,532 acres. The Buffalo Trail project area is located in Stewart County, TN west of the Trace, and wraps around the South Bison Range. It is bounded to the east by the Trace, to the west and north by the North/South Trail, and to the south by Forest Service Road (FSR) 211.

The Crooked Creek Prescribed Burn Project (approximately 1,548 acres) is proposed to continue the implementation of the Oak-Grassland Restoration Demonstration Areas. The proposed Crooked Creek project area is located in Trigg County, KY east of the Trace, and it wraps around the Elk & Bison Prairie (EBP). It is bounded to the west by the Trace, to the east by FSR 153/148, to the north by FSR 153, and to the south by the EBP perimeter and US Hwy 68/80.

Please send or deliver (M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm) your comments for the Buffalo Trail or the Crooked Creek projects to: Mr. Jim McCoy, Fire Management Officer, Land Between The Lakes NRA, 100 Van Morgan Drive; Golden Pond, KY 42211; or e-mail with each project title in the subject to: comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us. For technical project information, call (270) 924-2048, or email jrmccoy@fs.fed.us.

The School House Prescribed Fire Project (approximately 578 acres) is proposed to maintain native grasses and early successional habitat, soften the forest edge surrounding open lands, and develop open forest habitat. The School House project area is located in Trigg County, KY west of FSR 165, and bordered by FSR 342 (a loop road).

The Three Ponds Prescribed Fire Project (approximately 235 acres) is proposed to maintain native grasses and early successional habitat, and further efforts to develop oak-grassland habitat. The Three Ponds project area is located on a peninsula on Lake Barkley in Trigg County, KY, north and east of FSR 203 and 366, respectively.

The Neville Creek Prescribed Fire Project (approximately 89 acres) is proposed to maintain native warm season grasses and early successional habitat in open lands. The proposed Neville Creek project area is located west of the intersection of the Trace (FSR 100) with Neville Bay Road (FSR 214) in Stewart County, TN.

Please send or deliver (M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm) your comments for the School House, Three Ponds, or the Neville Creek projects to: Mr. Steve Bloemer, Wildlife Biologist, Land Between The Lakes NRA, 100 Van Morgan Drive; Golden Pond, KY 42211; or e-mail with each project title in the subject to: comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us. For technical project information, call (270) 924-2069, or email sbloemer@fs.fed.us.

Comments for the Buffalo Trail, Crooked Creek, School House, Three Ponds, and Neville Creek prescribed fire projects are being sought concurrently; however, these are independent projects that will be decided on individual merit. In your correspondence, please provide your name, address, and comments specific to the individual projects listed above.

Comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. Only those who submit timely comments or other expressions of interest will have eligibility for appeal purposes. In order to have appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments, must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. In accordance with regulations, all written comments received, including those submitted electronically, will be placed in the project file and will become a matter of public record.

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