

Legal Notice
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
USDA Forest Service
Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area
Stewart County, Tennessee
Devil's Backbone Project

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, the Area Supervisor, William P. Lisowsky, is requesting comments for the Devil's Backbone project located at Land Between The Lakes (LBL). A Decision Notice will be prepared upon completion of analyses in accordance with NEPA and FSH 1909.15, Chapter 40. The proposal for Notice and Comment for this project can be accessed on LBL's website <http://www.lbl.org/LRMPPProjects.html>.

The Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL) proposes to do the following as part of the Devil's Backbone Project:

- 1) Amend the 2004 Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) to increase the acreage of the designated State Natural Area and shortleaf pine cover type.
- 2) Implement integrated vegetation treatments which includes timber harvesting, prescribe burning, site preparation with herbicide, and non-commercial thinning to diversify habitat conditions associated with the native shortleaf pine community at Devil's Backbone
- 3) Herbicide control and monitoring of non-native invasive species (NNIS) within the project area
- 4) Improve dispersed recreational opportunities for sections of the existing Fort Henry Trail System
- 5) Integrate environmental education into LBL's natural resource management

The project area is located in Stewart County, Tennessee, south of the Fort Henry Road, east of Artillery Trail, north of U.S. Hwy. 79, and west of the south fork of Panther Creek.

Please send or hand deliver (M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm) your comments for the Devil's Backbone Project to: Mr. Jaime Hernandez, Forester, Land Between The Lakes NRA, 100 Van Morgan Drive; Golden Pond, KY 42211; or e-mail with the project title in the subject line to: comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us. For technical project information, call (270) 924-2073, or email jahernandez@fs.fed.us.

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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