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Dear Friends of Land Between The Lakes:

The U.S. Forest Service Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL) is seeking your involvement with the proposed Hurricane Creek Restoration Project. Your input of questions, comments, and concerns are greatly encouraged, especially early in project development, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 40 CFR 1500-1508.

Proposed Action

In late January of 2009, LBL endured two days of harsh ice storm weather conditions where heavy accumulation of ice resulted in scattered areas of damaged trees. The purpose of the Hurricane Creek Restoration Project is to restore and maintain the native oak-hickory and shortleaf pine habitat in the storm damaged areas. This proposed project is approximately 250 acres. It is located in the northern region of LBL in Lyon County, east of Road 117, north of Road 118, and a small section is south of Road 122 just west of Road 118-A (see attached map). The proposed salvage treatment will remove dead, dying, and severely damaged trees.

Category of Action

The category of the proposed actions is located in the Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30 section 31.2, Category Number 13, "Salvage of dead and/or dying trees not to exceed 250 acres, requiring no more than ½ mile of temporary road construction. The proposed actions may include incidental removal of live or dead trees for landings, skid trails, and road clearing."

Public Involvement

At this time no decisions have been made for a proposed action; it is still in the development stage. I openly invite your comments and suggestions about the proposed action. For questions and remarks, your input should be emailed to comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us or contact Christina N. Harper at 270-924-2210, or via email at cnharper@fs.fed.us. Postal mail should be sent to Land Between The Lakes, Attn: Christina N. Harper, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY 42211. To be most useful, your comments should be received by September 13, 2010.

Thank you for your involvement in helping LBL manage its natural resources.

Sincerely,

/s/William P. Lisowsky
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Enclosure

