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Notice of Availability and Decision to Proceed – June 6, 2021
Oak Wilt Management 2021-2031 Programmatic EA

Introduction: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to approve forest management activities on the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's lands. A finding of no significant impact (FONSI) has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Brief Description of Proposed Action and Stated Need: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office, is proposing to approve forest management activities, identified as Oak Wilt Management 2021-2031 Programmatic EA, on federal trust land on the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin in northeast Wisconsin. The proposed activities are located within Menominee County, Wisconsin. This management will control the spread of oak wilt in the Menominee Forest. The need for this proposed action is to maintain the health of the forest resources and prevent spread of oak wilt to new areas within the Menominee Forest.

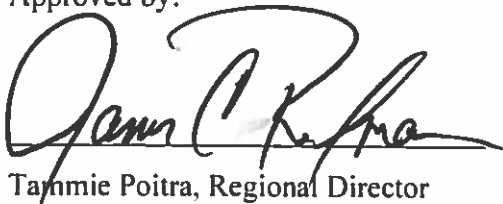
Environmental Review: In compliance with provisions of the NEPA, an environmental assessment (EA) and FONSI have been prepared. Based on the EA and information provided, no effects to historic properties, Federally-listed threatened or endangered species, water resources including wetlands, or any other Federally-regulated resources are anticipated. If any inadvertent discoveries of historic/cultural resources, Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and/or other regulated resources are made, the project shall be halted and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Midwest Regional Office promptly notified. The proposed harvest will conform to all applicable laws and regulations and will be conducted in accordance with the Tribal Forest Management Plan and employ forestry best management practices. It has been determined that approval of the timber sale will not adversely affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be required.

Document Availability and Comments: Interested parties can obtain copies the FONSI and related NEPA documents from the above address in care of the Division of Forestry. Comments will be taken for 15 days from this Notice. For additional information regarding the proposed timber harvest contact Sean Maiers, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Timber Sales Forester, at (612) 725-4557.

Decision to Proceed:

Approved by:

James C. Redman



Taymie Poitra, Regional Director

Date: 6-7-21

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