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Dear Interested Parties,

You are receiving this letter because of your interest in forest management proposals on Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

On January 11, 2020 portions of Land Between the Lakes in Trigg County, were impacted by a tornadic event. The primary impacted area is located approximately 5 miles north of the Tennessee state line. The initial observed impact location begins east of the Trace across from the Forest Service Road (FSR) 171 (Redd Hollow). The storm event travels in a north and easterly direction for approximately 4 miles terminating in the area of FSR 170 and FSR 165 near Wranglers Campground.

Due to the rapid deterioration of damaged trees timely action is needed. Once damaged, blown over or otherwise impacted, the trees become more susceptible to insect, wood-rotting fungi, and disease introduction. Prompt actions will return the impacted areas to safe and productive conditions and reduce threats to adjacent undamaged stands.

A timely response will clean up high visitor use storm impacted trails and provide goods and services to the local economy.

#### **Proposed Action**

Approximately 100 acres of mixed hardwoods, Virginia pine and non-native loblolly pine were impacted by the storm. This proposal will assist the forest in reducing large concentrations of storm damaged materials. This activity in itself will result in the reduction of potential source points for insect infestations, disease outbreaks, and localized catastrophic stand-changing fire intensities. The actions will aide in the clean-up of impacted portions of the trails and provide for user safety. The actions are as follows:

- Where environmentally feasible, mechanically treat approximately 100 acres of storm impacted areas by using a commercial logging operation. This removal would include trees that have been damaged by the storm and/or may include non-visible and visible effects (not limited to the following):

blowdowns, uprooting, snapped, twisted or otherwise damaged stems; standing pine trees with 20% or more of their live crown broken; hardwood tree species severely damaged having 20% or more of their live crown broken; and trees missing more than 144 sq. in. of bark damage or removal as a result of the event.



Trees that have been root sprung but still standing will also be removed. Trees without visible damage will be removed for safety concerns and to facilitate the removal operations. Removal operations will include the incidental removal of live or dead trees for log landings, skid trails, or maintenance of existing roads and trails.

**Fords Bay Salvage Categorical Exclusion (CE):**

This proposal is within a category of projects for which a formal environmental assessment and further analysis is not required. This proposal falls under the following Categorical Exclusion:

*(36 CFR 220.6(e)(13)) - Salvage of dead and/or dying trees not to exceed 250 acres, requiring no more than 1/2 mile of temporary road construction. The proposed action may include the incidental removal of live or dead trees for landing, skid trails, and road clearing*

**Approving decision to be made**

The Area Supervisor of Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area is the responsible official for this project action. It is their informed decision that determines the implementation of this project. This decision includes any special considerations based on state or federal practices included for the benefit of the resource.


**Your opportunity to comment**

Please submit your comments to: Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY 42211, Attention Fords Bay Salvage Project; electronically to: [comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-land-between-lakes@fs.fed.us) with "Fords Bay Salvage Project" on the subject line; or by hand to: 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY (between the hours 8:00 and 4:00) Comments received within 14 days of the date of this letter will be most useful to us. A project map is attached and available on the internet at <https://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/stewardship/public-input/>

**For More Information**

For questions regarding the Fords Bay Salvage Project proposal, please contact Yvonne Antes, Silviculturist, at (270) 924-2073 or email [yvonne.antes@usda.gov](mailto:yvonne.antes@usda.gov).

Sincerely,



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Area Supervisor

Enclosure



# Floods Bay Salvage Proposal

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