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Greene-Sullivan State Forest Office

You are cordially invited to attend our Open House on **Saturday, March 3, 2012** from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Linton City Park-East Cabin as part of **Marsh Madness**. No fees will be charged to enter the east cabin.

Vendors will be located in the Roy Clark Building during Marsh Madness. A \$5.00 entrance fee applies.

We will outline projects for the upcoming year, answer questions and take comments on future, past or present projects.

Lake permits and bridal tags will be available for sale during our Open House in Marsh Madness.

For more Marsh Madness information and schedule visit the festival website at **www.marshmadness.info**

The Fishing Forest

Past and Future Events

By Steve Siscoe, Property Manager

Greetings once again friends and neighbors! With the mild winter, 2012 seems to be getting off to a fast start. Before I reflect back on 2011, and look into the crystal ball for 2012, I would like to invite everyone to our Open House. This will give you the opportunity to talk with staff one on one. We will be at the east cabin at the Linton City Park from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on March 3. Since the tours for Marsh Madness start here, we met a lot of new people last year.

The first thing I want to do on reflecting back on 2011 is to thank all of the G-S staff. With over 9,000 acres to manage all 7 of us are kept very busy. The YHCC program did resurface, so thanks Katie and Heather for all of your efforts. We will be seeing a little less of Phil Jones (Resource Specialist) since he transferred to Morgan Monroe State Forest. He will still be filling in here until we can fill our Resource Specialist position. We also hired Clif Bowers late last fall as an intermittent. He will be with us until fall of 2012 when he plans to join the Marines.

Some of the highlights for 2011 include receiving the electric THINK car, purchasing and installing a new motor and grinder at the fish cleaning station, spreading and grading over 3,000 ton of aggregate on gravel roads, and building a new boat ramp at Bass Lake. I should probably include the ice storm, buffalo gnats/black flies and documentation of silver carp in West Lake for 2011 but not as highlights. As a result of our Sullivan County timber sales 4,110.80 dollars were returned to Sullivan County. Nine fire departments shared in 50% of these revenues.

2012 promises to be another lean year and we hope that our small staff remains and stays healthy. Most of our efforts will be put into maintaining our facilities and campgrounds. A Reclamation project is planned for an area south of CR 400 S and we will assist Purdue University with a tree research project on the Dugger Unit. We also plan to expand the use of volunteers. Some potential projects include painting signs and gates, trash pick up, and trail maintenance. If you or your group is interested drop by or give me a call.

We hope the buffalo gnats/black flies aren't as bad this year. We tried a lot of ways to repel them with vanilla extract working the best but it did not work for everyone. We also had some success with a product called *Buggins*. It is a plant based insect repellent that has vanilla mint and rose. Several folks also reported good success with head nets. If you find something or know of anything that works let us know so we can pass it on. I look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

Resource Management Program



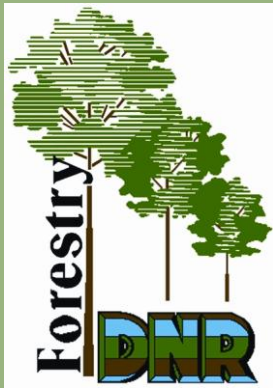
By Phil Jones, Forest Resource Specialist

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS:

Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Memorial Day to Labor Day



The Division of Forestry Mission:

To promote and practice good forest stewardship on Indiana's public and private lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations

This last year has been eventful at the forest. There are currently two active timber sales on the property; C3T7 (Scott Lake), C4T3 (north of Reservoir 26 along CR400S). These tracts are currently closed to the public. Both of these sales are scheduled for completion this calendar year. However, C4T3 is likely to stay closed as the Division of Reclamation is planning another highwall project similar to the one completed along county road 500 S at Yew Pit. As with the previous project, this one will focus on eliminating a hazardous highwall along CR400S by using fill dirt from the spoil banks to smooth the slopes back on the highwall to a 4:1 grade. Additionally, as part of this project a gob pile will be covered that is actually located in C4T7. This project (33 acre) will be much bigger in scope than the previous 5 acre Yew Pit project.

Three timber sales, C6T6 (Tree Lake), C5T1 (Star lake), and C6T1 (Jackson Lake) have been completed and are again open to the public. We know that these closures can be an inconvenience to many users and we appreciate those of you who are patient and understanding of our mission.

Some of the major accomplishments for 2011 included: 391,100 board feet of timber marked and sold, 363 acres inventoried, 7 management guides developed, 111 acres of invasive species control, and 77 acres of TSI (timber stand improvement) performed.

There are a number of projects on the docket for this year. TSI/Invasive contract work covering

approximately 160 acres in four tracts (C4T3, C5T10, C6T1, C6T6) is scheduled for completion by May 31st. A hardwood tree planting is planned for the CR500 reclamation site. Sale layout, skid trail and yard construction, and timber marking are planned for tracts C5T10, C1T1, C5T9, C3T1 and C3T6.

Forest management is a long term commitment. We realize that the results of our efforts aren't always immediately seen. However, the choices made and silvicultural practices implemented today will impact the forest for decades to come. I'm confident that our efforts will make Greene-Sullivan an overall better quality forest for future generations.

Firewood Policy

You can bring firewood into a state park, reservoir, state forest, or state fish and wildlife area if:

- It is kiln-dried scrap lumber.
- It is from your home or other location in Indiana and has the bark removed. (Ideally, ½ inch of sapwood beneath the bark will also be removed.)
- It is purchased from a department store, grocery store, gas station, etc. and bears a USDA compliance stamp.
- It is purchased from a local firewood vendor outside the property and has a state compliance stamp with it.
- It is purchased from the property camp store or on-site firewood vendor and has a state compliance stamp.

Dugger Unit



By Gary Smith, Laborer 5

Fees for 2012:

Camping fees for 2012:

Class C is \$8.00/night

Horse Camp is \$12.00/night

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Bridal tags - required from

January 1 to December 31

Annual Horse Tags - \$20.00

Daily Horse Tags - \$5.00

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Motorized Lake Permits - \$20.00

Non-Motorized Permits - \$5.00

Contact Information:

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Interesting Websites:

Forest Land Owners
www.forestassist.org

Butterflies and Moths
of North America
www.butterfliesandmoths.org

Indiana Bird List
<http://listserv.indiana.edu>

Injured or Orphaned Animals
www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm

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The Dugger Unit has been a great addition to the forest. Most of the 2,150 acres were acquired from Peabody Coal Company in 1995 and 2001. Three additional acres were acquired in 2011 to help straighten boundary lines. It contains 10 major lakes with over 400 surface acres of water and offers excellent fishing opportunities. Bass, Duck, West and Black Cat lakes have all been stocked with muskies with a 45 inch musky being caught from Bass Lake in 2011. Most of the remaining land acreage is open grassland with several stands of warm season grasses. The Dugger Unit provides the outdoor enthusiast numerous recreational opportunities ranging from hunting to bird watching. Many species of birds can be found there including bald eagles and northern shrikes. Last year the Christmas bird count documented the first sandhill cranes on the area and a pair of ospreys was observed nesting last Spring on the area. Approximately 150 acres are also dedicated to a dog running area allows visitors to work and exercise their hunting dogs or just walk their family pets.

Several improvements were made to the area over the past year. A new concrete boat ramp and asphalt parking area, with a designated handicap parking adjacent to the handicap pier, have been constructed on the south side of Bass lake. A new rocked parking area has also been added just off county road 275 E on the east side of the road, north of West Lake.

A new weather station has been constructed on the south side of highway 54 between county roads 275 E and 350 E. This is a FTS (Forest Technology System) fixed RAWs (Remotely automated Weather Station) used to monitor environmental conditions for applications at all levels of government. The unit was purchased by a grant from the Big Rivers Fire Compact and installed by our cohorts at Fire Control Headquarters in Martinsville. Two websites can be accessed to help an individual keep up to date with current weather conditions. Access by either link. <http://raws.wrh.noaa.gov/roman> or <http://www.raws.dri.edu> click on Indiana, then click on Sullivan.

All Forest roads on the Dugger unit have been reroocked and graded to withstand the heavier than usual traffic flow, because of county road 350 E being closed due to a culvert being replaced.

The Division of Reclamation continues to control *Serecia lespedeza* on the West Unit in preparation for a Purdue University tree planting research project. Property personnel continued invasive plant control in several locations. A controlled burn was executed in the area north of Bass Lake to control woody vegetation.



Clinton Gallagher of Kansas caught this 45 inch muskie on March 26, 2011 while fishing on Bass Lake.

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