

Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
Pike State Forest
Management Plan Addendum
Comp. 12, Tracts 5 & 6

On February 28, 2011, a storm moved through southwestern Indiana bringing rain, wind and tornadoes. Part of this storm hit this part of Pike State Forest doing extensive damage over several acres. An estimated 3-5 acres of mostly white pine with mixed hardwoods, on the ridge top between Firelanes 8 & 9, was largely broke off or rootwadded over. A number of large hardwoods north of Firelane 10 as well as an area of Virginia pine, were also damaged or blown over. Individual trees going east and south on FL 10 were also blown over, especially on the ridge tops, but were much fewer in number.

Due to the value and amount of timber damaged, a salvage sale is prescribed as soon as possible. The sale area should include the major blowdown area, adjacent pine stands that are now susceptible to additional windthrow and as many of the individual trees that are reasonable to recover as well. FL 10 will act as the haul road and the major skid trail. A logyard can be constructed near the junction of FL 8 and 10. This area looks like it was probably used as a log yard in the 1970's when this part of the Ellis Estate was logged.

These tracts are already under management plans and harvests were planned soon. Following the completion of the salvage sale these plans should be able to proceed on the rest of the tracts.

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