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Indiana Department of Transportation News Release

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INDOT, DNR to host public information meeting for Mountain Tea State Forest access improvement project in Brown County

*Public invited to learn more about the project at Abe Martin Lodge or view the meeting
online via livestream (Des #2301274)*

BROWN COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a public information meeting on Thursday, July 16, for the proposed Mountain Tea State Forest access improvement project.

The meeting will take place at Abe Martin Lodge in Melodeon Hall (1405 IN-46 West Nashville, IN) and will provide an opportunity for the public to interact with the project team and receive the latest updates on the project. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to allow attendees time to view displays and talk with project personnel prior to a presentation that will begin at 6 p.m. The entry fee to Brown County State Park will be waived for those attending the public information meeting.

The project aims to enhance safety and accessibility along Pumpkin Ridge Road located in Mountain Tea State Forest by improving the roadway condition and driving surface, upgrading drainage features, and providing adequate lane widths. The contract is currently scheduled to let to contractors in summer 2028.

Online Livestream Available

A virtual, livestream option will also be available starting at 6 p.m. on July 16 via Microsoft Teams for those who are unable to attend in-person. The meeting livestream and registration will be accessible on the project webpage at bit.ly/MountainTeaStateForest. Registration is required to attend.

Additional project information will be presented at the meeting and all project information and materials will be made available online.

Project questions can be submitted to Nick Batta with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. at

MountainTea@cmtengr.com, or via mail at 8490 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

Mountain Tea State Forest access improvement project

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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About the Indiana Department of Transportation

INDOT is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, and operating the State of Indiana's more than 29,000 highway lane miles and 5,700 bridges, and providing support for 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities throughout the Hoosier State. With six district offices and over 3,500 employees, INDOT works to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable transportation infrastructure while supporting the state's economic vitality. The department is committed to fostering innovation, sustainability, and safety in transportation planning and development, in addition to collaborating with local governments and private sector partners to meet the state's transportation needs. For the eighth consecutive year, Indiana has placed in the top ten in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more at in.gov/indot.

About Buckle Up Phone Down

Buckle Up Phone Down is a safety initiative adopted by the Indiana Department of Transportation in late 2023. Unrestrained motorists and passengers, as well as distracted driving continue to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways. Buckle Up Phone Down is one of many efforts to change driver behavior and improve roadway safety across Indiana.

The actions are simple: when you get into a vehicle, buckle up. If you are the driver, put the phone down. Every trip. Every time. Learn more and accept the challenge at [BUPDIN.com](https://www.bupdin.com).

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