



Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Eric Holcomb, Governor
Daniel W. Bortner, Director

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Sarah Siders
Tribal Secretary
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Dear Ms. Siders,

The intent of this letter is to notify you that the Indiana DNR – Division of Forestry is preparing to harvest timber at Frances Slocum State Forest in Miami County. The planned harvest is classified as an improvement cut that would encourage the growth of native hardwood species.

Historical deed records indicate that a graveyard, attributed to Native American ancestry, is present within the management unit. There are no visible signs of the graveyard present, but this area has been excluded and will be avoided by the planned timber harvest. A buffer of at least 100 feet was also placed around the location of the graveyard in which no ground disturbance should occur. As per IC 14-21-1, if any human remains or burial items are uncovered during the harvest, all disturbance activities will cease, and we will contact you to initiate consultation for the discovery.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the proposed project, please contact me at 317-232-0141 or aariens@dnr.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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