



PROTECT OUR WOODS

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POW mailed the first seven enclosed questions to all Indiana's candidates for US House (USH) and US Senate(USS). We also tried to reach non-respondants in HNF districts by telephone. Lee Hamilton USH9, Rick McIntyre USH8, and Dan Quayle USS failed to respond. State legislative officeholders and candidates (INH & INS) in HNF districts were polled by telephone, except for Frank Newkirk INH65 who we failed to reach by phone. No endorsements are implied. This poll is intended to enlighten us as voters and to remind the candidates how much we care about the forest.

A = agree D = disagree
 * = qualified response
 ? = stated uncertainty

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D Jill Long	USS	A	A	A	A	D*	A	A	
R Robert Kilroy	USH9	A	A	A	A*		A	D	
D Greg Scher	USH4	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
D James Jontz	USH5	A	A	A	?	A*	A	A	
R Bill Costas	USH1	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
D Frank McCloskey	USH8	A	A*	A	D	D	A	A	
D Vi Simpson	INS40	A	A	A	A*	A	A	A	
R Robert Garton	INS41	D	A*	A	A*	D	A*	D	
D Micheal Hayes	INS41	A	A	A	A*	D*	A	A	
R Joseph Corcoran	INS44	A	A*	A	D*	D*	*	D	
Frank O'Bannon	INS47	A	?	A*	D	A*	A	*	
D David Welch	INH60	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
R Jerry Bailes	INH60	A	A	A	*	A	A	A	
R Joyce Polling	INH61	A	?	A	?	?	A	A	
D Mark Kruzan	INH61	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
R Don Dean	INH62	A	A	A	D	A	A*	*	
D Eric Fields	INH62	A	A	A	A	D*	A	A?	
R Byron Buker	INH65	A	A*	A	D	D		A?	
D Dennis Heeke	INH73	?	A*	*	D	D*	A	A	
R Harold Eddleman	INH73	A	A*	A	D	D	A*	*	

COMMENTS

1. Almost all respondents oppose ORVs in the HNF without reservation, except Garton.
2. Opposition to unrestricted clearcutting is also general, though some (*) do not want to ban it categorically as a management tool.
3. Timber sales at a loss are equally unpopular. Heeke questions public financing of logging roads.
4. Eliminating or severely restricting all timber sales is controversial. McCloskey's comment is typical of those who disagree: "The area around the forest contains a major timber industry that needs to use this resource to be viable."
5. Those who approve mineral exploration and extraction have reservations. Corcoran doesn't encourage it today, but might someday. Long, McCloskey, Fields and Garton insist the forest be protected from irreparable damage. Hayes, Kilroy, and Heeke object to strip mining and Buker insists on restoration afterwards.
6. Wilderness habitat is generally favored. McCloskey asks that "a large percentage of the forest be devoted to wilderness habitat."
7. In their comments, no one advocates HNF expansion, but many favor the present policy of trading outlying HNF land to consolidate holdings in large blocks (McCloskey, Hayes, O'Bannon, Welch, Buker, Dean, Heeke, Eddleman). No one wants people forced to sell to the HNF (McCloskey, Kilroy, Hayes, Welch expressed explicit concern). Corcoran and Heeke are troubled by rumors of HNF acquiring land foreclosed by collusion with FHA. Buker and Dean express concern for the limited tax base in HNF counties.

QUAYLE VOTES FOR MORE FOREST ROADS

The White House has asked for \$178 million for new roads in National Forests. The Senate raised the figure to \$253 million and added language exempting the Forest Service from all other environmental laws. Ten conservation groups opposed the bill as destructive to the forest and to taxpayers who will lose money on resulting log sales.

Sen. Lugar voted against the bill.
 Sen. Quayle vote FOR it. Action speaks louder than words.

DO WE SAY WHAT DEAN SAYS?

State Rep. Don Dean has passed a law shortening by 30 years the period during which the HNF may acquire additional land ending in 1990 instead of 2021. Dean introduced the bill in response to the Forest Services ORV plan for Little Africa. Calling attention to POW, Dean says the new law is intended to awaken Forest Officials to our concerns and can be repealed if they cooperate with us.

Dean wants more local input into his legislative plans, especially from landowners adjoining HNF. He plans to introduce more legislation concerning HNF in November.

Voting for Dean's new law were Bailes (to get their attention) and Garton (to hurry them up). O'Bannon, Welch, and Heeke voted against Dean's law on its merits, thinking the HNF should have adequate time to consolidate.

Thus, some confusion seems to exist over the purpose of this law.

We should all be sure our legislators get a clear message from us about what we want. Write and call them directly. Also return the enclosed questionnaire so we can tell the politicians, HNF, and our own members what we think. Please include your comments. POW is having an impact - let's make sure we get the changes we want.

WE HAVE NOT WON YET

Negotiations are going on between the Regional Forest Office and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, representing those appealing the HNF management plan.

ORV's are not being negotiated, since there can be no compromise on this issue.

Meanwhile Larry Henson and his assistant have been transferred from the Regional Forester position.

We must be ready to act quickly should negotiations break down or a decision come down permitting ORVs in the HNF.

WOODLAND OWNERS

NOV. 8: Annual meeting of the Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association, McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer. Discussions of clearcutting, yellow poplar utilization, and acid rain. Register 9-2, Sessions at 2, banquet at 7. \$18.00 fee. Everyone welcome.

LANDFILL OPPONENTS ORGANIZE

If you sympathize with local concern about possible pollution from the Weeks Landfill proposed in Orange Co. call Roger Lankford 723-2666 or Dorothy Grimes 723-2322

TOXIC WASTE

Michael Hayes (INS41) tells us that Indiana allows hazardous waste to be imported cheaply. He would like to change that.

ON THE NATIONAL FRONT

POW, Forest Watch, The Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, The Natural Resources Defense Fund, and other groups concerned with Eastern Region Forest Management are meeting in Washington. Our agent will report in the next newsletter. The Wilderness society has named a National coordinator to oppose the ORV's on public lands.

1. The use of off road vehicles in the Hoosier National Forest should be prohibited.

agree
 disagree

2. Clearcutting as a timber harvesting technique in the HNF should be severely restricted or eliminated.

agree
 disagree

3. The sale of HNF timber at a loss should be stopped (see the Randall O'Toole report on the HNF Final Management plan and Environmental Impact Statement).

agree
 disagree

4. All timber sales in the HNF should be eliminated or severely restricted.

agree
 disagree

5. Mineral exploration and extraction in the HNF should be prohibited.

agree
 disagree

6. High priority should be given to increasing wilderness habitat in planning the future of the HNF.

agree
 disagree

7. Acquisition of new land for the purposes of consolidating and expanding the HNF should be encouraged.

agree
 disagree

8. Should POW organize formally with elected officers?

yes
 no

9. Check appropriate boxes:

I would like to work on the Newsletter.

I would be part of a telephone tree to alert us all when quick action is needed.

phone # _____

10. Are you a contributing member of POW?

yes
 no

With each \$5.00 membership you get an easy to remove bumper sticker, which can also be ordered for \$1.00 each.

