

Ferdinand-Pike State Forest

Property Overview

- Approximately 12,000 acres spread across Dubois, Perry, Crawford, and Pike counties
- 10 miles of bridal trails at Pike property and 10 miles of mountain bike and hiking trails at Ferdinand property
- 6 shelters, 4 campgrounds, 5 lakes, fire tower, and a swimming beach available for recreational use
- Many miles of maintained firelanes for hiking and hunting access
- Staffing includes 5 full-time employees that maintain facilities and perform resource management, as well as up to 4 seasonal staff



Completed Projects

- Repaired leak in Ferdinand office roof
- Completed rehab of Pike service building including roof replacement, exterior siding replacement, new doors and windows, and addition of insulation.
- Completed exterior rehab of Ferdinand gatehouse including siding and roof
- Completed repair and replacement of roof on Ferdinand shop building (pictured)
- Other annual projects completed include trail clearing and maintenance, firelane and dam mowing, water line repairs, some grill & fire ring and picnic table replacements, etc.



In progress Projects

- Working to surplus some state-owned items no longer needed by property
- Property purchasing to prepare for 2021 recreation season
- Firewood cutting to heat four structures using outdoor wood furnaces
- Resource management work such as inventories, timber marking, and timber stand improvement (TSI) also a high priority during winter months



Upcoming Projects

- Replacement of roof on CCC shelter near main campground
- Dredging of a portion of Ferdinand State Forest main lake
- Playground installations in Ferdinand campground and next to Pike shelter



Timber Harvests being marked:

Compartment 7, Tracts 6 & 7: An estimated 300,000-350,000 board feet (Doyle scale) and 280 cords on 180 acres is being marked for a sale in 2021. These tracts are located in Sections 16 & 21, T4S, R3W Clark Township in Perry County.



Timber Harvests to be marked:

Compartment 5, Tract 1: An estimated 250,000-300,000 board feet (Doyle scale) and 150 cords on 119 acres is planned to be marked this winter for a sale in 2021. This tract is located in Sections 9, 10, & 16, T3S,R3W Jefferson Township in Dubois County.

Compartment 5, Tract 8 & 9: An estimated 350,000-400,000 board feet (Doyle scale) and 120 cords on 191 acres is planned to be marked for a sale in 2021. These tracts are located in Sections 20 & 21, T3S,R3W Clark Township in Perry County.



Other upcoming management activities:

- Forest resource inventories in Compartment 12, Tracts 7 & 9.
- Timber stand improvement work in Compartment 6 Tracts 7 & 8, Compartment 7 Tract 8, and Compartment 3 Tract 6.
- Prescribed burn in C1T10, if conditions allow
- Invasive species control in Compartment 2 Tract 5 and Compartment 5 Tracts 8 & 9

