

From: [Jones, Brock](#)
To: [Weaver, Theresa A](#)
Subject: RE: Open Burning Report - July 2024
Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 10:02:08 AM
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Let's use January 15, 2024 as the withdraw date because that's when the source submitted their PB request that excluded the burn piles.

-Brock

From: Weaver, Theresa A <TAWeaver@idem.IN.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 9:57 AM
To: Jones, Brock BJones2@idem.IN.gov
Subject: RE: Open Burning Report - July 2024

Ok, would today be the correct date for the withdrawal?



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From: Jones, Brock <BJones2@idem.IN.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 9:55 AM
To: Weaver, Theresa A <TAWeaver@idem.IN.gov>
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We can withdraw the BHM CW request for Badger Barrens.
The source hired a company out of MI to come in and mulch the material and transport it to a facility back in MI who will turn the ground material in wood pellets for use in woodstoves/hydronic heaters.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/bQ1XLUXA-CY?feature=shared>

-Brock



REQUEST FOR TREE OR CLEAN WOOD WASTE BURN APPROVAL UNDER 326 IAC 4-1

State Form 43692 (R6 / 1-22)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
 OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY – COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT
 100 N. Senate Avenue
 MC 61-50, Room 1003
 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
 Telephone (317) 233-5672
 E-mail: burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov
 Website: www.in.gov/idem/openburning

NOTES:

- This form is used to request an approval to conduct open burning of tree or clean wood waste, in accordance with 326 IAC 4-1. Complete and return this form, along with the Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635) form, to the Office of Air Quality email address provided in the upper right-hand corner.
- In case of questions, call (317) 233-5672 or e-mail burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov.

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APPROVAL ID NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO
CW-276432	BKJ

INSTRUCTIONS

► Part A requires contact information of the individual requesting the approval. Part B requires contact information of the responsible party conducting the burn. Part C requires information on the physical location of the burn, which may include parcel numbers, nearby intersections or 911 address. Include contact information of the fire department having jurisdiction of the site and, if required, include a mitigation statement describing steps that will be taken to ensure the identified item(s)/area(s) are protected from adverse impacts from smoke and fire during the burn. Part D requires information on the type and origination of the material to be burned. Part E requires cost estimates for alternative means of disposal. Part F is a checklist of supporting documentation to be included with the approval request. Once completed, **sign and date** this form in Part G and submit it, along with the **signed** "Identification of Potentially Affected Persons"¹ (State Form 49635), at least sixty (60) days prior to the projected burn start date to burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov.

PART A: INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING APPROVAL

Name: Nathan Simons	Title: Executive Director	E-mail Address: stuartbheron1@hotmail.com
Company Name: Blue Heron Ministries	Company Mailing Address: 2955 W. Orland Rd., Angola, IN 46703	Telephone Number: 260-316-2498

PART B: RESPONSIBLE PARTY CONDUCTING BURN

Name: Same	Title:	E-mail Address:
Company Name:	Company Mailing Address:	Telephone Number:

PART C: BURN SITE LOCATION AND INFORMATION

Site Name: Badger Barrens Sanctuary	Site Physical Address/Location: 8925 E. 700 N. Fremont, IN
County: Steuben	Projected Burn Date(s): November 1 2022 through October 31 2023
Projected Total Volume of Material to Burn (ft ³): 25,769	Projected Burning Total Time (hours): 44
Purpose of Burn: Removal of cut trees as part of ecological restoration	Local Fire Department Name and Address: Fremont Fire Department, 100 Spring St, Fremont, IN 46737, PO Box 602, N. Tolford St., Fremont, IN 46737
The burn site is located within (*mitigation statement required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incorporated area <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • 100 feet of a structure <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • 100 feet of a power line <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • 300 feet of a frequently traveled road <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No • 300 feet of a fuel storage area or pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 	Mitigation Statement (if applicable): NA

¹ Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635) available online at www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oag_compliance

PART D: MATERIAL TO BE BURNED

Material to be Burned:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure (collapsed/remnants)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree stumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure (standing)	
Source of Material:	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm damage	<input type="checkbox"/> Driftwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing/building development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Property maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Road construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Ecological Restoration
Structure Type to be Burned:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed/Out Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
	<input type="checkbox"/> House	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Dwelling Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Burning will occur on property where material was derived:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Material originated on property in unincorporated area:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Total Number of Burn Piles:	12		
Burn Pile(s) Dimensions:	Length (feet): 260.3	Diameter (feet):	
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Width (feet): 16.5	OR	Height (feet):
	Height (feet): 6		

PART E: ALTERNATE METHODS OF DISPOSAL COST ANALYSIS

Provide cost estimates for each alternative method of disposal:

Open burning:	\$ 2860	Air curtain destructor:	\$ na	Haul to mulch or compost facility ² :	\$ na
Chipping:	\$ na	Haul to approved landfill:	\$ na	Other:	\$

Provide reasons, other than financial, why the above alternative methods of disposal are undesirable or unachievable:

Alternate methods of disposal are not feasible because the cut trees are located in a sensitive ecological area that is undergoing ecological restoration. The trees to be disposed are large and the equipment required for chipping, burning using an air curtain destructor, or to haul them off site would create too much soil disturbance and compaction and would negatively impact the restoration efforts. The area is also inaccessible to the large machinery.

PART F: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

The following supporting documentation should be included as part of the burn approval request, as applicable:	Included:
• Burn site map with legend identifying burn site, right of ways, and smoke sensitive areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PART G: SIGNATURE

I hereby certify the information above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 	Title: Executive Director	Company Name: Blue Heron Ministries
Printed Name: Nathan Simons	E-mail Address: stuartheron1@hotmail.com	Date: 10-26-2022

² Yard waste and composting information available online at www.in.gov/idem/waste/waste-industries/yard-waste-and-composting-facilities/



IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PERSONS

State Form 49635 (R7 / 1-22)

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NOTES:

- This form identifies surrounding property owners who may be considered an affected person upon issuance of an open burning approval. As part of the open burning approval process, and to comply with the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act (IC 4-21.5-3-5), this form must be included when submitting an open burning approval request. This form, along with the applicable open burning request form, should be submitted to the Office of Air Quality email address provided in the upper right-hand corner.
- In case of questions, call (317) 233-5672 or e-mail burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS

► Part A requires the name, physical location, and owner contact information of the burn site property. Part B requires the public utility/right of way (ROW) owner contact information if the burn site is located within 100 feet of a roadway or power or communication line, within 300 feet of a pipeline, or within 500 feet of a railroad. Part C identifies the total number of affected persons located within 500 feet of the burn site. If there are fifteen (15) affected persons or fewer located within 500 feet of the burn site, each property owner and mailing address should be included in Part D. The Office of Air Quality will provide those listed in Part D with a copy of the decision. If there are more than fifteen (15) affected persons, select the appropriate box and skip Part D as a public notice of the approval will be issued. Once completed, **sign and date this form** in Part E and submit it, along with the applicable open burning request form¹, at least sixty (60) days prior to the projected burn start date to burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov.

PART A: BURN SITE PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Name: Badger Barrens Sanctuary	Burn Site Property Physical Address: 8925 E. 700 N. Fremont, IN
Property Owner Name: Blue Heron Ministries	Property Owner Mailing Address: 2955 W. Orland Rd., Angola, IN 46703
Property Owner Telephone Number: 260-316-2498	Property Owner E-mail Address: stuartbheron1@hotmail.com

PART B: PUBLIC UTILITY/RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) OWNERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide public utility/right of way (ROW) owner contact information if burn site is located within 100 feet of roadway, power, or communication line, 300 feet of pipeline, or 500 feet of a railroad.

ROW Company:	ROW Company Mailing Address:	
ROW Contact Name:	E-mail Address:	Telephone Number:
ROW Company:	ROW Company Mailing Address:	
ROW Contact Name:	E-mail Address:	Telephone Number:
ROW Company:	ROW Company Mailing Address:	
ROW Contact Name:	E-mail Address:	Telephone Number:

PART C: NUMBER OF AFFECTED PERSONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fifteen (15) affected persons or fewer are located within 500 feet of the burn site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All affected persons are to be listed in Part D.
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than fifteen (15) affected persons are located within 500 feet of the burn site. Approval will be public noticed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not list all affected persons in Part D.

¹ Open burning approval request forms available online at www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oaq_compliance

PART D: POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PERSONS

Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Meyers, Megan E 9020 E 700 N FREMONT, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: North, Philip R & Lana L 8920 E 700 N Fremont, IN 46737
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Wilcox, Terry Lee & Shirley Jean Wilcox 8973 E 700 N FREMONT, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Blue Heron Ministries Inc 2955 W Orland Rd ANGOLA, IN 4670
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Inc 111 Gecowets Dr FREMONT, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Winzeler, Robert C III & Patricia Anne 6660 N 875 E Fremont, IN 46737
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: First Regular Baptist Church Po Box 278 Fremont, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Zeis, Margaret L 95 Ln 100A Lk Anne Fremont, IN 46737
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Schlosser, Evelyn Hornish Rev Living Trust Dtd 2-27-09 110 Clear Lake Cove FREMONT, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Blackburn, Scott A & Michelle H/W 8980 E 700 N FREMONT, IN 46737
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address: Hewes, Jerry 7521 E 750 N FREMONT, IN 46737	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address:
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address:	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address:

PART E: SIGNATURE

I hereby state that I have listed all affected persons to the best of my knowledge. If none are listed, it signifies that no such persons own or rent property within 500 feet of the burn site.

Signature: 	Title: Executive Director	Company Name: Blue Heron Ministries
Printed Name: Nathan Simons	E-mail Address: stuartbheron1@hotmail.com	Date: 10-26-2022

TREE AND CLEAN WOOD WASTE BURNING PLAN

AREA NAME: Badger Barrens Addition

Physical Address: 8925 E 700 N, Fremont IN

County: Steuben County, IN

Burn Pile size: approximately 24 acres

Projected burn date: November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023

Description of area: The burn unit is owned by Blue Heron Ministries. The area is mostly level to slightly rolling. There is a pine plantation in the southwest corner which consists of mixed White Pine, Red Pine, and Scotch Pine. Along the southern half and eastern boundary that isn't part of the pine plantation is an oak woodland that is in the process of thinning out undesirable trees to become more open. In the center of the unit there is an open prairie that mostly contains weedy grasses and forbs but does have some native vegetation. To the north of the open area is a maple wet woods.

Burn objectives:

1. Remove woody waste material so area can be restored to native prairie and oak barrens

Range of acceptable weather conditions:

Wind speed: <11 mph at eye level

Wind direction: any wind direction is acceptable, southwest wind preferred.

Relative humidity: 70% to 25%

Temperature: above 40 deg. F.

Days since last rain: >1

Time of year: any

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

Burning equipment

- 1 4X4 pumper truck (100 gallons)
- 1 ATV pumper (25 gallons)
- 1 Drip Torch
- 1 Rake
- 1 Matches or Lighter
- 1 Drip Torch Fuel
- 1 Belt weather kit

Safety equipment (per individual)

- Helmet
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Nomex clothing
- Cell phone

Crew size: 1

Source: Blue Heron Ministries

PERMIT, NOTIFICATION, SAFETY

Permits required: Indiana it is Variance from 326 IAC 4-1 (IDEM)

Notifications (Agency, Individual, Date Notified):

Fremont Fire Department; 260/495-3805.

Steuben County Health Department; (260) 668-1000

Steuben County Communications (Sheriff); 260/665-3131.

Contact day before burn

Contact day before burn

Contact day before and immediately prior to burn.

Sources of Emergency Aid: 911

Fire fighting: thru county dispatch (911)

First Aid: same

Police: same

Traffic control and/or public safety considerations: Wood piles are far enough away from nearby roads that smoke should not be an issue. Same for smoke on neighboring properties. Smoke will be monitored and if the smoke is determined to be negatively affecting the surrounding community, the fire will be extinguished and reignited on a more favorable day for smoke behavior. No smoke sensitive areas are located in the immediate area surrounding the unit and it is not expected that smoke from burning the piles will impact any smoke sensitive areas. Additionally, burn days will be selected when favorable smoke lift and dispersal is predicted.

Neighbors notified: no

News services: no

Proposal prepared by: John Brittenham

Date: 10/26/2022

Badger Barrens Addition Burn Piles Map

Legend
Burn Piles



Badger Barrens Addition Burn Piles Map 2

Legend

 Prairie and Oak Berrens Restoration Area

