**Discovery Areas**

**Green Peter Dam:** The back of this brochure. About reaching these agencies is provided on District and the Detroit Ranger District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District. The last 25 miles of the corridor is surrounded primarily by private land. Linn County manages most of the parks along Green Peter and Foster Dam, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages most of the dispersed use around the reservoirs. The next 12.5 miles is a mix of private forest lands, and public lands managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages most of the dispersed use around the reservoirs.

**Nature’s Power:** Whether its wind, water, snow or mud, the forces of nature are most profound when seen as damage to physical features. Floods in 1996 rippled through this drainage, causing millions of dollars in damage to roads and other facilities. A windstorm in 1996 blew trees down in over 2000 acres in the headwaters of Quartzville and Pyramid Creeks. But the flood of 1965 is still one of the more recent events to be dealt. To get an idea of the power of the flood, stop at bridge 96 where you can still see the remains of the original concrete bridge. Take a minute to imagine the water levels needed to toss the old bridge aside.

**Huckleberry Picking:** Late summer pulls locals and other visitors to the Quartzville area in search of wild berries. Four varieties (red, black, oval, leaf, and Alaska) of huckleberries can be found in this area. Openings in old-growth forests nurture good berry patches, but don’t overlook older harvest units where bushes grow dense from deer and elk browsing.

**Managing Forests:** Forests on public lands outside the LSR’s are managed for a variety of uses including forest products, habitat, and the protection of water quality. Within the next 12 miles from State Highway 22, many of the stands you pass have been thinned at one time or another. Thinning is a way of helping forest grow by selectively removing some of the trees to reduce competition for sunlight, nutrients and water. Thinning can also increase tree vigor and health. Allowing more sunlight and moisture in the stand, helps undergrowth and can improve wildlife habitat for a variety of species. You’ll see three kinds of thinning along the byway including pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning and partial cutting. Pre-commercial thinning occurs within 10 to 15 years after an area has been harvested and replanted, while commercial thinning occurs later when trees are larger and generally between 40 to 100 years old. Partial cutting is similar to commercial thinning, however, trees are often older than 100 years old. Partial cutting is a method that is utilized to increase the life of the stand and enhance habitat.

In addition the thinning, you may also notice that on some of the younger stands the lower third of the limbs on trees have been removed. This pruning reduces the development of knots and allows better quality wood. Western white pine is also pruned to help prevent the spread of white pine blister rust disease. When possible, thinning and pruning benefits are combined with the need for special forest products such as Christmas trees and boughs.

**Wildfire’s Legacy:** At milepost 8 from State Highway 22, you can see several prominent features including Cub Point, Buck, Bachelor, and Coffin (named for its ominous box-like appearance) Mountains. With frequent lightning strikes, wildfires has played a key role in the natural processes within this region.

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