MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE,
SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST
AND
THE ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY
REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF FOUR STRUCTURES ON THE
DIXON SPRINGS AGRICULTURE CENTER,
SIMPSON, ILLINOIS

**WHEREAS,** the Shawnee National Forest (SHF) proposes to demolish four structures located on lands managed by the Shawnee National Forest because the buildings are not needed, expensive to maintain and cannot be economically made to meet future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the SHF as public land stewards are mandated to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470), and its implementing regulations, entitled "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), and to comply with Section 110 of the NHPA; and

**WHEREAS,** the SHF proposes to administer their Heritage Programs pursuant to Section 106 and Section 110 of the NHPA; and

**WHERAS,** the SHF, in consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) has determined that the undertaking will have an adverse effect on a historic property considered to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS** the SHF has agreed to resolve any adverse effect on the demolition of potentially eligible historic properties;

The SHF will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1.) Prior to demolishing structures FS 0908-1146, 1148, 1150 and 1361, the SHF shall document these buildings in accordance with the Illinois Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (IL HABS/HAER) Standards.
    A. IL HABS recordation number will be PP-2011-1, and consist of:
        1. Sketch plans, drawn in computer assisted drafting (CAD) format;
        2. Black and white digital photography of the buildings to include building site, exterior elevations, distinctive exterior architectural features and significant interior spaces and features shall be produced on archivally stable photographic paper.
        3. Written historic narrative of the buildings and a written architectural description of the buildings using IL HABS designated outline format shall be completed. The documentation shall also include a context statement which will comprise a history of Dixon Springs and the buildings with sufficient detail to be used as the basis of a National Register of Historic Places nomination form.

B. IHPA will review draft photos and field notes and accept or reject the submittal in accordance with IL HABS Standards. Upon acceptance of the draft in writing, the SHF will complete the final documentation and deliver one original and one Gold CD to IHPA.

C. Upon IHPA's written acceptance of the draft IL HABS documentation, the SHF may commence demolition activities at the buildings.

D. After IHPA acceptance, completed IL HABS/HAER documentation will be deposited with the archives section of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library;

2.) In the event a party of this MOA determines the terms of the MOA cannot be met or that a change is necessary to meet the requirements of the law that party will immediately request that the other party in this MOA consider an amendment or addenda. Any necessary amendments or addenda will be executed in accordance with 36 CFR 8005(e)(5).

Execution of this MOA by the SHF and IHPA and the implementation of its terms shall constitute evidence that the SHF has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties, as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**SIGNATORIES**

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE - SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST**

By:_____ Date:_____

**Hurston A. Nicholas, Forest Supervisor**

**ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

By:_____ Date: 1-13-12

**Illinois Historic Preservation Agency**