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**SUBJECT:** ACEP – WRE Subgroup Recommendation to the Michigan State  
Technical Committee

**Date:** January 16, 2019

**TO:** GARRY LEE  
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**File Code:** 300

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-  
WRE)

Recommendation to the Michigan State Technical Committee (MTC)

ACEP Subgroup Date: November 15, 2018

**Topic for Recommendation:**

Addition to the Michigan Instruction for Compatible Use Authorizations (CUAs) to  
add maximum time limits.

**Background:**

Historically, most CUAs for Michigan had a 3-year time limit and expired on  
September 30 of the third year. The one exception was planting and harvesting crops  
which was only allowed for 1 year per policy. The maximum duration allowed by  
ACEP-WRE policy for any CUA is ten years.

**Recommendation:**

The approved CUAs will be issued for no more than the following maximum duration  
and will expire at the end of the calendar year (December 31).

Compatible Use	Maximum Duration
Planting and Harvesting Crops	1 year
Wildlife Food Plots	5 years
Access Road Maintenance	10 years
Trails and Walkways	5 years
Acceptable Structures	5 years
Forest Stand Improvement	5 years
Forest Trails and Landings	5 years
Woody Residue Treatment	5 years
Brush Management	5 years
Herbaceous Weed Control	5 years
Prescribed Burning	5 years
Haying/Grazing	5 years

STC Decision:  Approved  Denied

I have considered the recommendation presented at the MTC Meeting on January 16, 2019, and my decision is indicated above.

  
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 GARRY LEE  
 State Conservationist

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