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Dear Interested Persons

The Eldorado National Forest has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Trestle Forest Health Project. With this project, the Eldorado National Forest proposes to treat up to approximately 16,764 acres using a variety of vegetation treatments in forest stands to reduce fire behavior, improve forest health and increase resilience of stands to the adverse effects of uncharacteristic wildfire behavior and insects and diseases.

The Draft EIS is available online on the Eldorado National Forest webpage at:
http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=28654

The 20,453-acre project area is located east of the community of Grizzly Flat, including the area surrounding Leoni Meadows, west of Caldor, and north of Big Mountain. The project is located entirely in El Dorado County, California in T.8N., R.13E., in all or portions of Sections 1 and 2; T.8N., R.14E., in all or portions of Sections 4-6; T.9N., R.13E., in portions of Section 1-3, 11-16, 19-30, 33-36; T.9N., R.14E., in all or portions of Sections 5-10, 14-22, 28-33; and T.10N, R.13E., in all or portions of Sections 35 and 36; Mount Diablo Base & Meridian (MDB&M). The area is accessed from Grizzly Flat using the Capps Crossing Road (9N30) or the North South Road (10N83). Elevations range from 3,200 feet on the west side of the project area to 5,800 feet on east side of the project area.

The proposed action and alternatives includes a combination of fuels reduction and forest health improvement actions including commercial and non-commercial mechanical thinning within natural stands and plantations, hand thinning, prescribed understory burning, road reconstruction and maintenance, and watershed restoration related to dispersed recreation, roads and trails.

How to Comment and Timeframe –

The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for early and meaningful participation prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who provide timely project specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection.

Publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register is anticipated on July 17, 2015. The Forest Service will accept comments on the DEIS for 45 days following the publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted; however, to assure eligibility to object if the administrative review process is used, comments should be written rather than oral.



By Mail or Hand Delivery during normal business hours to:

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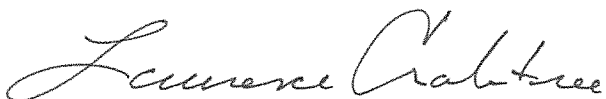
Acceptable formats for electronic comments are plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), Adobe (.pdf), or Word (.doc). When using electronic mail, please send your name and physical address in addition to your email address.

Oral: Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (530) 622-5061 or in person, or at an official agency function (public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments.

Names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this project, and will be available for public inspection. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely comments will have eligibility to object the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 218. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.5.

For more information on this project, please contact Jennifer Ebert at (530) 647-5382 or jebert@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your interest and participation in the environmental analysis process on the Eldorado National Forest.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor