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**File Code:** 1950  
**Date:** March 31, 2017

Dear Interested Citizen:

As the Responsible Official, I have prepared a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) selecting Alternative 5 of the Trestle Forest Health Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Alternative 5 was designed to address concerns about impacts to California spotted owl while still providing for effective fuels treatments near the community of Grizzly Flats and in key locations across the project landscape. Under Alternative 5, approximately 16,000 acres of National Forest System lands will be treated using a combination of vegetation treatments, including approximately 3,600 acres of commercial mechanical thinning, 1,100 acres of hand thinning, and 11,000 acres of prescribed burning to improve forest health and fire resiliency. In addition, Alternative 5 includes road reconstruction activities to facilitate treatments and improve water quality, as well as restoration actions associated with dispersed camping, roads, and trails to reduce impacts to soils and watershed conditions.

The Trestle Forest Health Project is located on the Placerville Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest. The 20,453-acre project area is located east of the community of Grizzly Flats, 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 Flats using the Capps Crossing Road (9N30) or the North South Road (10N83).

The Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision are available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28654> or [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects).

To obtain a hard copy, please contact Jennifer Marsolais, Forest Environmental Coordinator at [jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us](mailto:jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us) or 530-642-5187.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (OBJECTION) OPPORTUNITIES**

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Mountain Democrat. The date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided



by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: Trestle Forest Health Project; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: [objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us) with Subject: Trestle Forest Health Project.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Documents may be incorporated by reference only, as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

### **IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

If no objection is filed on this project a Decision Notice may be issued on, but not before, the fifth business day following the close of the objection filing period (36 CFR 218.21). If an objection to this decision is filed in accordance with 36 CFR 218.26, then this Decision Notice may not be signed until all concerns and instructions from the reviewing official in the objection response have been addressed (36 CFR 218.12 (b)).

After the decision is signed, implementation may begin immediately.

### **CONTACT**

For additional information, contact: Jennifer Marsolais, Forest Environmental Coordinator, [jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us](mailto:jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us) or 530-642-5187.

Sincerely,



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