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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Twofer Fuels Reduction Project
USDA Forest Service
Eldorado National Forest
Pacific and Placerville Ranger Districts
El Dorado County, California

The Responsible Official, Laurence Crabtree, has prepared a draft Decision Notice selecting the Proposed Action with modifications, of the Twofer Fuels Reduction Project Environmental Assessment. Under the Proposed Action, approximately 8,561 acres of National Forest System land will be treated using a variety of methods to improve forest health and fire resiliency. Specific treatments include the creation of fuel breaks, mechanical and hand thinning, understory fuel removal treatments such as mastication and piling fuels, prescribed burning of piled material and prescribed understory burning, and herbicide treatment of previously treated plantation stands to reduce fuel loading. The Proposed Action also includes hazard tree removal, road maintenance and reconstruction in the project area to facilitate treatments and to improve water quality, and targeted grazing operations using goats or sheep to control infestations of invasive species. Minor modifications were made to the Proposed Action following the comment period. These modifications are 1) establishment of a 20-inch upper diameter limit for mechanical treatments within protected activity centers; and, 2) changes to treatments within the Windmiller Native Plant Collection area, which are the addition of approximately 60 acres of prescribed burning and approximately 2 acres of shovel logging combined with the removal of 14 acres of follow up herbicide treatment.

The Twofer Fuels Reduction Project area is located on the Pacific and Placerville Ranger Districts, Eldorado National Forest on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, in a wildland-urban interface on both the north and south side of the heavily traveled U.S. Highway 50 in El Dorado County, CA (T12N R14E; T11N R13E, R14E, and R15E; and small portions of T10N R14E and R15E; Mount Diablo Base & Meridian).

Copies of the final Environmental Assessment, which includes a Finding of No Significant Impact, the draft Decision Notice, and supporting documentation are available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50370 or https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects. To obtain a printed copy of these documents, please contact Nancy Nordensten, NEPA Planner, nancy.nordensten@usda.gov or 530-647-5485.

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: Twofer Fuels Reduction 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 4:30pm). Electronic objections, in common formats (such as .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt), may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with the subject: Twofer Project.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) identification of a single lead objector, if applicable; 3) signature or other verification of authorship; 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).

For additional information about the project, contact: Nancy Nordensten, NEPA Planner, nancy.nordensten@usda.gov or 530-647-5485.

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