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Dear Interested Persons and Organizations:

The White Mountain National Forest is initiating an environmental analysis process for a proposed Forest-wide project to maintain wildlife openings, and vistas, reduce hazardous fuels and promote under-represented vegetative communities. This project would establish a 5-year program for wildlife opening and vista maintenance and prescribed fire across the National Forest. This project also proposes activities to reduce potential wildfire fuels in some locations; and promote, enhance or maintain under-represented vegetative communities in other locations (ecosystem restoration). This project proposes to perform work within a 5-year period on 258 specific sites totaling approximately 1,597 acres across the National Forest.

We are contacting you now because you have indicated an interest in participating in the decision-making process for these types of projects. We may also be contacting you now because you live in close proximity to, or may have a particular interest in, some of the specific locations proposed in this project. The intent of this letter is to inform you of the proposal and seek your input.

The enclosed Scoping Report includes the Purpose and Need for the project, the Proposed Action, the Decisions to be Made, and How You Can Submit Comments to the Forest Service. The Scoping Report also contains summary tables categorizing the locations, treatments and objectives for the 258 sites; and four general location maps for reference.

If you choose to comment on this proposal, we will need you to submit any thoughts you may have specific to the project no later than Friday, July 18, 2003. You will find details on how to comment at the end of the Scoping Report.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the White Mountain National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

