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Comments Sought on Proposed Garnet Meadow/Iceberg Trail Project

The Inyo National Forest is soliciting comments on a proposed Garnet Meadow/Iceberg Trail project. The proposed work would occur in the summer of 2010.

The project would complete watershed improvement actions on trails and headcuts within and adjacent to meadows near Garnet, Ediza and Iceberg Lakes in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. It would include stabilizing active headcuts and erosion along approximately 1.5 miles of trail from Ediza Lake to Iceberg Lake and stabilize active headcuts and improve drainage off the old John Muir Trail.

The proposed project sites have been identified as not meeting desired conditions and in need of restoration and rehabilitation. The Forest Service is proposing the minimum amount of treatment needed to achieve these goals. Techniques used would consist of using primitive tools and trail stabilization techniques appropriate in designated wilderness. Several short re-routes are proposed around sensitive meadow and stream crossing areas. Ground disturbance would be limited to what is necessary to meet the objectives of the project, and material would not be collected from culturally or biologically sensitive areas.

No part of this project will change the trail class or type of use that can occur on these trails or in the meadows. The Iceberg to Ediza Lake Trail and old John Muir Trail are currently closed to commercial pack stock and this project will not change that designation.

If you have questions about the proposed project, please contact Todd Ellsworth at 760-873-2457. If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues, points of dispute, debate, or disagreement regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please send those issues in writing to: Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514, Attn: Todd Ellsworth, or by email to tellsworth@fs.fed.us. Comments should be received by November 30, 2009 in order to be most helpful in the analysis.

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