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## **Whitney Portal Fuels Treatment Proposed**

The Inyo National Forest, Mount Whitney Ranger District is proposing to conduct a fuels reduction project in the vicinity of the Mt. Whitney trailhead, campgrounds, and recreational residences. The purpose of the project is to reduce the potential threat to these features and the forest surrounding them in the event of a wildfire. The **Portal Hazardous Fuels Project** would include mechanical treatments such as thinning and pruning of brush and trees and prescribed burning in order to reduce potential wildfire intensity, severity, and effects.

Public scoping for the Portal Hazardous Fuels Reduction project began in October, 2007. Since that time the project proposal has been refined and the Forest Service is now initiating an additional scoping period until **October 20**, to provide an opportunity to submit written comments on the refined proposed action. **Comments on the proposal must be postmarked no later than October 20, 2008.**

To provide more information about the proposed project **a public meeting will be held on Thursday October 2, at 6:30 pm at the Lone Pine Lion's Club Hall.** More details of the project proposal will be available including maps and photos of the current conditions in this project area and similar projects already completed elsewhere, to illustrate the proposed outcome for this project. This is an opportunity for those interested in contributing to the development of this project to collaborate with the Forest Service.

If you have questions about this project or the public meeting, or if you have special needs for accessibility at the meeting, please contact Beth Nabors, Interagency Fuels Management Planner, at (760) 873-2462.

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