

# SIERRA CASCADES DIALOG #15

## FOUR TOPICS IN FOREST PLAN REVISION

### PARTICIPANT AGENDA

OCTOBER 15, 2015

LION'S GATE HOTEL – MCCLELLAN, CALIFORNIA

8:30AM DOORS OPEN AND REGISTRATION

9:00AM WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND AGENDA REVIEW

9:10 AM UPDATE ON FOREST PLAN REVISION

9:25AM PRESENTATION: METHODOLOGY FOR ANALYSIS AND PLANNING FOR 4 TOPICS IN PLAN REVISION

- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Species of Conservation Concern
- Wilderness Inventory and Evaluation
- Pacific Crest Trail

10:50AM BREAK AND TRANSITION TO CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:05AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS – PARTICIPANTS CHOOSE ONE SESSION TO ATTEND

*Session: Wild and Scenic Rivers*

- How can the Forest Service improve the process for identifying Outstandingly Remarkable Values? (Definitions: Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) can include scenery, recreation, geology, fish and wildlife populations, habitat, prehistory, and others. Wild and Scenic River values are free flow and water quality.)
- How can the Forest Service best engage the public in developing the Wild and Scenic Rivers Inventory and Eligibility?

*Session: Species of Conservation Concern*

- Under the 2012 Planning Rule, the Forest Service is guided to use “best available science.” Due to the complexities involved with determining “best available science” in the context of the large numbers of Species of Conservation Concern, how should the Forest Service consider discrepancies or conflicting findings?
- How can the Forest Service best engage the public in determining Species of Conservation Concern?

*Session: Wilderness Inventory and Evaluation*

- What are the main challenges in interpreting and applying the final Chapter 70 directives? (Chapter 70 directives will be defined at the meeting.)
- How can the Forest Service best engage the public in wilderness evaluation and planning?

*Session: Pacific Crest Trail*

- What are the most important considerations and challenges in accomplishing Pacific Crest Trail conservation and enjoyment as it crosses through national forest lands and interfaces with other uses?
- How can the Forest Service best engage the public in planning and management of the Pacific Crest Trail?

**12:00PM LUNCH**

**1:00PM REPORTS FROM CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND PLENARY DISCUSSION**

- Summary reports from discussion in concurrent sessions with time for Q&A and discussion

**4:00PM OBSERVATIONS FROM THE DAY AND NEXT STEPS**

- Closing comments from USFS leadership

**4:30PM ADJOURN**