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Interested Parties,

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is modifying its forest plan monitoring programs to comply with the Forest Service's 2012 planning rule. The 2012 planning rule (36 CFR 219.12), guides forest plan monitoring across the Forest Service. All forest plan monitoring programs must conform to the requirements of the 2012planning rule by May 9, 2016.

Both the forest plan monitoring programs for the 1986 Land and Resource Management Plan for the Humboldt National Forest ("Humboldt Forest Plan") and for the Toiyabe National Forest ("Toiyabe Forest Plan") have been modified to conform to the direction in the planning rule.

On February 22, 2016 I sent a letter to key stake holders asking for review and comment on the draft modified monitoring program documents. These documents were also made available on the Forest website at that time for public review and comment. The forest plan monitoring program sets out the plan monitoring questions and associated indicators that will inform the management of resources across the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. We received no comments on the drafts and I am now approving the draft monitoring programs as presented in February, 2016. The final monitoring programs for the Humboldt Forest Plan and Toiyabe Forest Plan are available on the Forest website at:
http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=FSEPRD492291

These monitoring programs will be used to develop a set of monitoring protocols used by the Forest to prepare the first biennial evaluation to be published in the spring of 2018 as required by 36 CFR 219.12(d). The Biennial Report will use the monitoring questions and indicators to assess whether or not a change to the plans, management direction, the monitoring program, or a new assessment, may be warranted. The monitoring evaluation will be used to inform adaptive management of the plan area. As the Forest develops these protocols we will be looking for opportunities to design and carry out multi-party monitoring with federal, state, and local governments, and members of the public.

Our first two Biennial Reports (2018 and 2020) will be critical as the Forest begins the plan revision process in 2021. This monitoring information will enable the Forest Supervisor to

determine if a change in plan components or other plan content that guide management of resources across the Humboldt-Toiyabe is needed.

Sincerely,

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