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## **Forest Service holds public meetings for Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests plan revisions**

The U.S. Forest Service is hosting a second round of public meetings to discuss the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and draft forest plans for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. The 90-day public comment period for this project began May 27 and closes August 25, 2016.

The Forest Service encourages all interested members of the public to submit comments and participate in the upcoming public events:

- August 1: 6p-8p (Inyo National Forest)  
Cerro Coso Community College  
101 College Pkwy, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
- August 2: 6p-8p (Inyo National Forest)  
Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra Campus  
4090 W Line St, Bishop, CA 93514
- August 3: 6p-8p (Sequoia National Forest)  
Double Tree Bakersfield (Hilton)  
3100 Camino Del Rio Ct., Bakersfield, CA 93308
- August 4: 6p-8p (Sierra National Forest)  
Clovis Memorial Veterans Hall  
808 4th St, Clovis, CA 93612

Forest plans provide strategic direction guiding how the Forest Service manages national forest system lands. The Forest Service has been working with the public, area tribes, and local, state and federal agencies for several years on these forest plan revisions, ultimately leading to the development of the draft environmental impact statement and draft forest plans. A short video about forest plan revision is available on-line: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuqbIwhB2QM>

The draft EIS and draft forest plans are available on-line at the Forest Plan Revision project website: <http://tinyurl.com/r5earlyadopters>.

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During the 90-day comment period the public may submit comments using one of the following methods, including a web-based form on the project website where the draft EIS, draft forest plans and supplemental documents are available. Please submit comment(s) only once using one of the following methods. You may request a confirmation response if you submit your comment via the project web-site.

- Project web-site comment form: <http://tinyurl.com/r5comment>
- Postal mail: Planning Team Leader, Forest Plan Revision, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592
- E-mail: [r5planrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:r5planrevision@fs.fed.us)

Together, the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests manage nearly 4.6 million acres of national forest system lands located at the southernmost extent of the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California and portions of western Nevada. These three forests are “early adopters” of the 2012 Planning Rule, meaning they are among the first national forests across the country implementing this new rule to revise their forest plans.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

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