

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project

Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District

As the Responsible Official, Kevin B. Elliott prepared a draft Record of Decision for the Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The project would re-establish and maintain approximately 24 miles (~542 acres) of historically used fuelbreaks, all of which originated as firelines, within the wildland urban interface threat zones on National Forest System lands. To effectively reduce wildfire risk and reduce fire suppression impacts on wilderness resources, approximately 10.4 miles (~169 acres) of fuelbreaks are located at strategic locations within the Ventana Wilderness near the communities of Big Sur, Palo Colorado, Cachagua, and Jamesburg. Upon re-establishment, maintenance of the fuelbreaks would occur every 3-6 years. The FEIS and draft ROD are available for review at the Monterey Ranger District office, 406 South Mildred Ave, King City, CA 93903, and at the Supervisor's Office, 6750 Navigator Way, Suite 150, Goleta, CA 93117. It can also be viewed on-line at the following internet address:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40713>

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted timely project-specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public comment (36 CFR 218.5). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated opportunities for comment. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Objections must be submitted within 45-days following publication of the legal notice announcing availability of the FEIS and draft ROD in the Santa Barbara News-Press, the newspaper of record. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project Objection; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Ph. (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to:

objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us

with Subject: Strategic Community Fuelbreak Improvement Project Objection.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference as per 36 CFR 218.8(b). Names of objectors will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

For additional information, contact Kyle Kinports at the Los Padres National Forest Supervisor's Office at kkinports@fs.fed.us or 805-961-5710.

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