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Pacific Southwest Region



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San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Plan

How to file as an interested person

The objection filing period for the San Gabriel National Monument Plan and associated Final Environmental Assessment and draft Decision Notice ended on June 4, 2018. The objection reviewing officer, Deputy Regional Forester Bernie Gyant, received 7 eligible objections. The legal notice for objections received will be posted within 10 days of the end of the objection filing period. Within 10 days of the publication of that legal notice, individuals and/or organizations who have commented in the past may request to be recognized as interested persons regarding the objections that were filed. The objections may be viewed online at:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=46964>.

The objection regulations at 36 C.F.R. § 219.57 and Forest Service policy outlined in the Land Management Planning Handbook (FSH 1909.12, Section 51.65) allow those individuals and entities who have previously submitted substantive formal comments, and who request and are granted recognition as interested persons, to participate in resolution meetings between the objectors and the Forest Service. The purpose of this opportunity is to ensure that efforts to resolve objections are conducted in an open and collaborative forum. Written requests for recognition as an interested person must be submitted no later than 10 days from the date of the legal notice of objections received in *The Los Angeles Times*.

The Interested Person request must contain the following information:

- name and affiliation if any, of the requester;
- mailing address, phone number, and email address (if available) for the requester;
- the names of the objector(s) whose objection(s) the requester has an interest in;
- a brief explanation of the requester's interest in the objection(s) and any specific concern(s), including a description of support or opposition to the objection(s); and
- identification of substantive formal comment provided by the requester during the planning process demonstrating the requester's participation in the planning process.

Written requests should be mailed or hand delivered to: Bernie Gyant, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Attn: San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Objections, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered requests are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. Electronic requests must be submitted to objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us. In electronic requests, the subject line must include "San Gabriel Mountains National Monument objections." Electronic requests must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Microsoft Word (.docx). An automated response will confirm that your electronic request has been received. Faxed requests must be submitted to 707-562-9049. The requests will be considered by the Reviewing Officer, and eligible interested persons will be notified in advance of any objection resolution meetings. Objection resolution meetings are open to observation by the public, and the date(s), location(s), and agenda(s) for any meeting(s) will be posted online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sgmnmplan>.