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Dear Stakeholder:

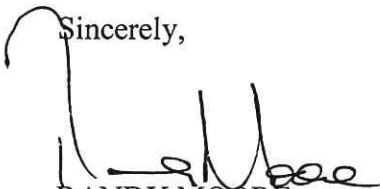
The USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Regional Office, is inviting input on the enclosed draft Broader-scale Monitoring Strategy (Strategy) dated July 2018. This Strategy has been developed in accordance with the 2012 National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule (36 CFR 219.12) and through discussions with a range of different stakeholders. We are looking for additional stakeholder input over the next 60 days to further improve the Strategy.

This Strategy is intended to provide a broad geographic perspective – across multiple national forest units – on the status and trends of select social, economic, and ecological conditions. In addition, the results of this Strategy will complement the plan monitoring programs for each national forest in the region. Together, these two monitoring products will serve as a key step in evaluating the effectiveness of our Land Management Plans in the Pacific Southwest Region.

Given the limited financial and technical capabilities in the region, this Strategy is focused on leveraging existing federal, state, and non-governmental organization datasets. We are also inviting ideas for citizen science and other volunteer data collection ideas that meet the objectives of this Strategy. By using existing datasets, along with Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Forest Service data collection programs, we hope to achieve a more efficient approach to monitoring and adaptive management.

If you have any questions about this letter, or you would like to provide input on the draft Strategy, please contact Matthew Vandersande, Regional Monitoring Planner, at (707) 562-8950 or mvandersande@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



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Regional Forester Pacific Southwest Region

Enclosure

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