

Objection Process

How to file an objection: The Mt. Ashland LSR Habitat Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project is subject to the HFRA objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218, subpart A. It is not subject to the notice, comment and appeal procedures found in 36 CFR part 215. Only those individuals and organizations who previously submitted written comments specific to this project during scoping or any other opportunity for public comment, have standing to file an objection (36 CFR 218.6(a)). Objections, including attachments, must be submitted in writing to the Reviewing Officer (36 CFR 218.7). They may be submitted by hand-delivery (regular mail, express delivery, or messenger service) to the Regional Office at the address shown below during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm):

REVIEWING OFFICER

Randy Moore, Regional Forester
USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
(707) 562-8737

Alternatively, objections may be submitted by FAX [707-562-9091]; or electronic objections, in acceptable [plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc)] formats, may be submitted to appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: Mt. Ashland LSR Habitat Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project. It is the responsibility of the objector to confirm receipt of objections submitted by electronic mail.

All objections shall be open to public inspection during the objection process. At a minimum, an objection must include the Objector's name and address, with a telephone number if available; signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection); the name of the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project; the name and title of the Responsible Official; and the name of the National Forest and/or Ranger District on which the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project will be implemented. When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector as defined in 36 CFR part 218.2, and verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request. It is the objector's responsibility to provide sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the Preferred Alternative addressed by the objection, specific issues related to the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project, and suggested remedies that would solve the objection. Incorporation of documents by reference shall not be allowed (36 CFR 218.7).

Objection period: Objections must be filed within thirty days following publication of this notice in the Siskiyou Daily News newspaper. The date of the publication is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file and objection pursuant to 36 CFR part 218.9(a). Objectors may not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The objection time period begins on the day after publication of this notice. It is the responsibility of the objectors to ensure that their objection is received in a timely manner.

Implementation: The Responsible Official may not issue a decision for this hazardous fuel reduction project until the Reviewing Officer has responded to all pending objections. When no objections are filed within the 30-day time period, the decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth business day following the end of the objection-filing period.

Further information on the FEIS or a copy of the full FEIS can be obtained from Susan Stresser at the Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA. 96097, or by calling (530) 841-4538.