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USFS Pacific Southwest Region Reschedules Workshops on Forest Plan Revisions

VALLEJO, Calif., May 15, 2014 – The U.S. Forest Service will host a series of public workshops for forest plan revisions on the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. The meetings were originally scheduled for April 7, 8 and 10.

These workshops follow those the Forest Service hosted in January. At those workshops, the public provided feedback on the Forest Service's preliminary *Need to Change*, Draft Roles and Contributions, and example Desired Conditions.

"The public and our partners asked for more time to understand and engage with us on the Need to Change and we listened," said Regional Forester Randy Moore. "We are committed to ensuring that the public remains engaged as we move forward with revising these three forest plans."

The public is welcome at any of the three upcoming workshops:

- Sierra NF: Monday, June 16, 2014
Holiday Inn Fresno Airport, 5090 E. Clinton Way, Fresno, CA
- Sequoia NF : Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Woodrow W. Wallace Elementary School, 3240 Erskine Creek Rd., Lake Isabella, CA
- Inyo NF: Thursday, June 19, 2014
Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, 4090 W. Line Street, Bishop, CA

Each workshop will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. with presentations by Forest Service staff. The public will have time to visit topic-specific stations and to talk with Forest Service staff. Additionally, the public is invited to bring an 8 ½ x 11 inch copy of a photo depicting Forest Service lands they have strong feelings about. This photo may be recent or historic. Photos will be shared at the "Desired Conditions" station and the public should be able to answer the following questions regarding their photos:

1. Where was the photo taken?
2. When was the photo taken?
3. What do you like about this place?
4. Does this picture need to change? If so, how and when should this happen?

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For more information regarding forest plan revisions visit the Pacific Southwest Region's planning website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/landmanagement/planning> . Pertinent information for the June workshops will be posted there prior to the meetings.

For forest-specific information, please contact that forest directly:

- Sierra NF: Dirk Charley at 559-297-0706, extension 4805 or dcharley@fs.fed.us
- Sequoia NF: Maria Ulloa at 559-784-1500 or mtulloa@fs.fed.us
- Inyo NF: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427 or debraschweizer@fs.fed.us

The Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo are three of eight national forests that were selected as "early adopters," meaning they will be the first to revise their land management plans using the new National Forest System Planning Rule, completed in 2012. The planning rule provides the framework for Forest Service land management plans across the nation.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance to participate in this meeting is needed, please contact the appropriate National Forest. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Forest Service to make reasonable arrangements.

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