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SAN BERNARDINO FOREST TO HOLD ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

San Bernardino, CA... In an effort to reach a more ethnically diverse population, the San Bernardino National Forest has scheduled two additional public meetings to provide residents with information regarding their draft Land and Resource Management Plan and accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The meetings will be held on Saturday, July 24 in Fontana and Riverside and will include a short presentation in both English and Spanish. Spanish-speaking staff will also be available to help answer public questions. The newly scheduled meetings are in addition to six open houses held in June in various communities adjacent to the Forest.

“We’re really excited about hosting these meetings,” said Forest Supervisor Gene Zimmerman. “and we’re hoping that the bilingual format will generate interest from folks who have never been involved before. This is their chance to have a say in how the Forest is managed.”

During the meetings, participants will have the opportunity to review the plan and provide their written comments. They may also submit comments following the meeting, as long as they are postmarked by August 11. The Draft Forest Plan and DEIS, including maps and an executive summary, are available

for viewing on the Forest Plan Revision website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/scfpr. A new on-line commenting process is also available on the site. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Fontana, CA

July 24, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

George White Senior Center
11110 Alondra Blvd
Fontana, CA 90650

Riverside, CA

July 24, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

University of California at Riverside
University Commons, Terrace Rooms A&B
Riverside, CA 90037

Once finalized, the Forest Plan will provide a strategic framework for managing the San Bernardino National Forest for the next 10 to 15 years. The Draft Plan and accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement were released in May 2004 for public comment. The final plan is expected in summer 2005.

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