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Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

U.S. Forest Service, Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel River Ranger District and the Pacific Southwest Research Station, San Dimas Experimental Forest (managed by Riverside Fire Lab) are initiating public comment, pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6, on the proposed action as described in the Invasive Plant Treatment Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA). You are receiving this notice, along with a copy of the preliminary EA because you provided comments during project scoping or requested a copy, or you are receiving this notice because it is believed you may have an active interest in this project. The preliminary EA is also available for review by accessing the Forest internet website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/>.

The intent of the project is to eradicate, control, and/or suppress existing and new populations of invasive plants within the project area over a 15-year implementation period. The project proposed action proposes a maximum of 200 miles or 4,100 acres annual treatment of invasive plants within the Forest boundary in the San Gabriel, Big and Little Dalton, and San Dimas drainages. The majority of treatments are proposed in Los Angeles County but the project area also includes San Bernardino County. The interdisciplinary team analyzed in detail three alternatives: no action (alternative 1), proposed action (alternative 2), and no herbicide (alternative 3). Alternative 3 was developed based on comments received during scoping. Table 9 in the preliminary EA provides a summary of comparison between the three alternatives.

We will accept all written and oral comments for the proposed action and analyses, and we encourage you to send them no later than 30 calendar days following publication of a legal notice in the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other sources. The Forest Service regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Only those who submit timely comments (i.e., within the public comment deadline) will have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

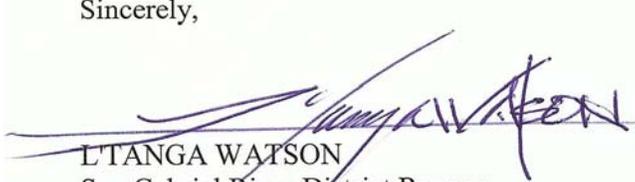
Comments must meet the requirements in 36 CFR 215.6 and can be provided through written, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic communication. The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Hand delivered comments can be taken to this office at 110 N. Wabash Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone at (805) 220-6388. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to mkadota@fs.fed.us using subject: Invasive Plant Treatment Project. Comments in writing can be submitted to Interdisciplinary Team Leader Marian Kadota, Forest Service, 1072 Casitas Pass Road, #288, Carpinteria, CA 93013. A fax can be sent to (626) 914-3790 with "Invasive Plant Treatment Project" clearly noted in the fax.



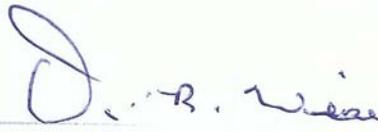
The decision for this project is intended to be made by fall/winter 2010. The decision will be mailed to those who have submitted comments and to those who have requested to be added to the Invasive Plant Treatment mailing list. If you have any questions, please direct them to Marian Kadota at (805) 220-6388 or e-mail: mkadota@fs.fed.us.

We appreciate your interest in the management of the Ranger District and Experimental Forest.

Sincerely,



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