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Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The San Gabriel River Ranger District, Angeles National Forest is undertaking an environmental analysis for the Natural Stands and Plantation Silviculture/HF Treatment Project. We are seeking public comment on the proposed action for this project. The Project involves approximately 53 acres of National Forest land at three different locations in the Angeles National Forest; Cottontail, Heaton Flats and The Oaks. A detailed description and maps of the project can be downloaded from the Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/> under "Projects and Plans." Hard copies and/or CDs are available upon request. A project summary is provided below:

Project Description

The project is located in vegetation consisting of native oaks and mixed conifer located in San Gabriel Canyon. Lack of management activity in these areas has led to the invasion of brush species into these tree stands and has created a situation where a future fire could again spread rapidly and at high intensity, damaging the residual stand. Reducing competition and increasing spacing between individual trees will create soil moisture and a healthier growing condition for the remaining trees. By pruning lower branches, removing competing brush from within the stands the potential of fire induced mortality is reduced.

The purpose of this project is to increase the resistance of the stands to the effects of fire, improve wildlife habitat, improve health and vigor of the stands and assure the long term retention of these features on the landscape of the forest.

Public Involvement

This public comment period is considered the scoping stage under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A scoping notice is intended to provide interested parties, including those affected by the project proposal, with an opportunity to make their concerns and suggestions known prior to a decision being made. Comments may be mailed or hand delivered to Esmeralda Bracamonte, Resource Officer, at 110 N. Wabash Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. Electronic comments can be submitted at ebracamonte@fs.fed.us. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone by calling Project Planner Esmeralda Bracamonte at (626) 335-1251 x238.



Please ensure that it is clear that your comments are for the Natural Stands and Plantation
Silviculture/HF Treatment Project, the comment period closes December 1, 2010.

This project is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or
Environmental Impact Statement as per Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 31.

We appreciate your interest in the management of the San Gabriel River Ranger District and the
Angeles National Forest.

Sincerely,


~~LTANGA WATSON~~
District Ranger