

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
US FOREST SERVICE
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

The San Gabriel River Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest prepared a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) for the Tanbark Fuelbreak Maintenance Project located in Los Angeles county California. The proposed actions include mastication, crushing, hand cutting and piling and prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels accumulations along the existing Tanbark Fuelbreak. The project also proposes the use of herbicide on approximately two acres of non-native invasive species to limit the spread of these species. No new roads will be constructed under this proposed action. The total assessment area is 936 acres with treatments proposed to occur over a 10-year time period.

The preliminary environmental assessment is available on the Forest internet site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/>. The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the preliminary EA. Those wishing to comment on this analysis should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the project during the comment period will be eligible as appellants. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of this comment period will not constitute standing for appeal purposes. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments can be provided through written, faxed, 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 the San Gabriel River Ranger District office at 110 N. Wabash Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone at (661) 297-8301. 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 davidkerr@fs.fed.us using subject: Tanbark Fuelbreak Maintenance Project. Comments in writing can be submitted to David Kerr, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Forest Service, 28245 Avenue Crocker, Suite 220, Valencia, CA 91355. A fax can be sent to (626) 914-3790 with "Tanbark Fuelbreak Maintenance Project" clearly noted in the fax. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Names and addresses of commenter's will become part of the public record. If you have questions, contact David Kerr at (661) 297-8301 or by e-mail at davidkerr@fs.fed.us.