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Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

We are pleased to inform you that the Forest Service has completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Invasive Plant Treatment Project located on the San Gabriel River Ranger District and San Dimas Experimental Forest (managed by Pacific Southwest Research-Riverside).

Based on the environmental analysis conducted for this project and documented in the EA, in addition to comments received during the public notice and comment period, it is our decision to select Alternative 2: Proposed Action. This alternative authorizes treatment of invasive plants within the Forest boundary in the San Gabriel, Big and Little Dalton, and San Dimas drainages. 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 majority of treatments are proposed in Los Angeles County but the project area also includes San Bernardino County.

The EA, Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) and accompanying specialist reports are available electronically on the Angeles National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/>. Hard copies are available upon request.

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Individuals or organizations who provided comments or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action during the 30-day comment period last year are eligible to appeal the decision under 36 CFR 215. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after closing of the notice and comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes. The notice of appeal must meet the appeal content requirements at 36 CFR 215.14.

This decision involves two separate administrative areas; therefore, there are two Appeal Deciding Officers. The appeal(s) must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the applicable Appeal Deciding Officers:

For those lands involving the San Dimas Experimental Forest:

Acting Station Director Alexander L. Friend
Pacific Southwest Research Station
800 Buchanan Street, West Annex Building
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Fax: 510 559-6440
Email: jlhayes@fs.fed.us, with "Attn: Station Director" in subject line or text
Office hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)

For those lands within the project area but outside San Dimas Experimental Forest:

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Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to the email address listed above. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification. If emailed electronically, ensure the subject line states: "Invasive Plant Treatment Project Appeal." Appeals, including attachments, must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of the legal notice in the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, the newspaper of record. Attachments received after the 45 day appeal period will not be considered. The publication date in the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record.

If an appeal is filed, implementation may occur on, but not before fifteen business days from the date of appeal resolution. If no appeal is filed, implementation may begin five business days from the close of the appeal period.

For additional information concerning this decision, contact: Interdisciplinary Team Leader Marian Kadota, Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team, 1072 Casitas Pass Road #288, Carpinteria, CA 93013; phone: (805) 220-6388 or District Resource Officer Esmeralda Bracamonte, San Gabriel River Ranger District, 110 N. Wabash Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741; phone: (626) 335-1251 extension 239.

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

Sincerely,



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