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Subject: Biological Evaluation of BLM-King Range Proposal for FPM
Suppression/Prevention Funds for Stream Monitoring (FHP Rept. No. N07-04)

To: Greg Jennings, Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office

Last year, Greg Jennings (Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office) submitted a FY2007 Forest Pest Management Prevention/Suppression project proposal and received \$13,000 to cover some of the costs associated with conducting the monitoring for *Phytophthora ramorum*, the causal agent of Sudden Oak Death, on the King Range National Conservation Area. He is interested in submitting another proposal for funds in FY2008. With a few minor details, the proposal will essentially be the same as the one that was previously funded, covering some of the costs of stream baiting and monitoring of five locations in the Mattole River watershed. In addition, the BLM is cooperating with the Mattole Restoration Council at additional stream monitoring sites on private land surrounding the King Range Conservation Area, providing a network of monitoring sites that covers all ownerships in the watershed. Except for continued intensification of the disease at the nearest known infestations, approximately 125 miles north, near Brookings, Oregon, and approximately 15 miles east in the Redway/Garberville area of California, the status of disease distribution is largely unchanged since 2006. Because the need for continue monitoring for *P. ramorum* remains, I support Greg's proposal to continue his efforts, and recommend that it receive funding in FY 2008.

Additional details on the biological situation supporting this project may be found in FHP Report #N07-01, the biological evaluation in support of the SOD monitoring in 2007. The information in the report is just as relevant now as it was when it was written last December. In conclusion, I support the efforts of the BLM to monitor the Mattole watershed at the King Range National Conservation Area for *P. ramorum* and support their upcoming submission of a FY 2008 Forest Pest Management Suppression/Prevention proposal.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or would like to discuss this FPM Suppression/Prevention project proposal.

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