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Dear Interested Parties:

The Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (Monument Plan) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) were published in September 2012. These documents are posted on the Sequoia National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/gsnm/feis_index.html

An initial errata letter was mailed in November 2012, listing the errors that had been found and corrected at that time. Since that time, some inconsistencies were discovered during the appeals process and other errors have been found as we begin to implement the Monument Plan. These additional errata serve to correct these errors and inconsistencies in order to clarify the management direction in the Monument Plan.

1. Modify the order of the tools in the Strategies for Ecological Restoration (p. 45, Table 10, Strategy #13) and the Strategies for Fuels Reduction (p. 48, Table 20, Strategy #13) in the Monument Plan (p. 48, Table 20, Strategy #13), to match the order these tools will be considered when using the Decision Tree (pp. 80-82) for site-specific projects.

Change "...prescribed fire, mechanical treatment, managed wildfire (when available)." to "...managed wildfire (when available), prescribed fire, mechanical treatment."

Add the following footnote to each of these strategies:

Consistent with the Decision Tree (pp. 80-82), whenever naturally-ignited wildfires occur and are available to manage for resource benefits, those managed wildfires will be used first for ecological restoration. These three tools can be used individually or in combination based on site-specific analysis and existing conditions.

2. Add a sentence to the Decision Tree narrative on page 80 of the Monument Plan to clarify that fire will be the dominant process in managing the Monument, as discussed in the ROD (p. 16) and in the effects analysis in Volume 1 of the FEIS (p. 415). Add to the end of the second paragraph on page 80:

The use of fire, both managed wildfire and prescribed burning, will be considered first and favored as the dominant process to accomplish ecological restoration.

3. Correct the description of the placement of the Tribal Fuels Emphasis Treatment Area in the Strategies for Fuels Reduction in the Monument Plan (p. 48, Table 20, Strategy #12) and in Volume 1 of the FEIS (p. 111, Table 34, Strategy #15), to accurately reflect the location of this area as mapped (Map 3 of the Monument Plan; Maps 2 and 3 in Volume 1 of the FEIS).

Change "Locate the tribal fuels emphasis treatment area (TFETA) along the eastern boundary of the Tule River Indian Reservation..." to "Locate the tribal fuels emphasis treatment area (TFETA) along the northern, eastern, and southern boundaries of the Tule River Indian Reservation..."



4. Correct the citation on page 268 of Volume 1 of the FEIS. Change “Loheide and Richard (2009)” to “Loheide et al. (2009).”

Add missing reference in FEIS, Volume 1, Literature Cited section, page 707:

Loheide, S.P.; Deitchman, R.S.; Cooper, D.J.; Wolf, E.C.; Hammersmark, C.T.; Lundquist, J.D. 2009. A Framework for Understanding the Hydroecology of Impacted Wet Meadows in the Sierra and Cascade Ranges, California, USA. *Hydrogeology Journal*, 17(1): 229-246.

5. Delete the word “goals” from the last sentence of the Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources section on page 638 of the FEIS.

Change “A full description can be found in the discussion of cultural resources in this chapter, in the list of management goals, strategies, and objectives in Chapters 2 and 3, and in the standards and guidelines listed in Appendix A of this document.” to “A full description can be found in the discussion of cultural resources in this chapter, in the list of management strategies and objectives in Chapter 2, and in the standards and guidelines listed in Appendix A of this document.”

6. Delete the phrase “off-highway vehicle route(s)” from three Standard and Guidelines (S&Gs) on pages 89-92 of the Monument Plan (S&G #s 24, 53, and 58), and on pages 231-237 of Volume 2 of the FEIS (S&G #s 32, 72, and 79), to clarify that OHV use will not be considered appropriate on new trails in the Monument.

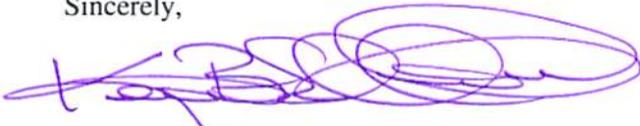
Change “Evaluate proposals for new roads, trails, off-highway vehicle routes, and recreational and other developments for their potential to disturb nest sites. Mitigate effects where there is documented evidence of disturbance to the nest site from existing recreation, off-highway vehicle route, trail, and road uses (including road maintenance).” to “Evaluate proposals for new roads, trails, and recreational and other developments for their potential to disturb nest sites. Mitigate effects where there is documented evidence of disturbance to the nest site from existing recreation, trail, and road uses (including road maintenance).”

7. Correct the appendix referred to in the last paragraph on page 10 of the Record of Decision.

Change “is provided in Appendix F of the FEIS” to “is provided in Appendix E of the FEIS.”

Thank you for working with us on the Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan. For additional information, please contact Annette Fredette at (559) 784-1500, extension 1138.

Sincerely,



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