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Inyo National Forest Plan Revision

Overview of 2019 Land Management Plan

- The updated 2019 Inyo National Forest land management plan is posted on the Forest's website for reference. It has not yet been approved and is not finalized until the Record of Decision is signed.
- The final 2019 environmental impact statement (EIS) is now available on the project website.
 - The Record of Decision for the final EIS and land management plan cannot be signed until at least 30 days after the Notice of Availability for the final EIS is published in the Federal Register, which is expected on September 20th, 2019.
 - The 2019 land management plan will be approved with signature of the Record of Decision and publication of a Notice of Plan Approval in the Federal Register. The land management plan goes into effect 30 days after the Notice of Plan Approval is published.
- The updated 2019 land management plan focuses on maintaining and restoring forest health and providing socioeconomic benefits tied to recreation and providing water. Under the plan, the Forest will support about 3,400 local jobs tied to recreation, tourism, and generating electricity and clean water.
- The 2019 land management plan:
 - Emphasizes a landscape approach to fire and smoke management and the need for proper fire return intervals across ecosystems.
 - Provides direction for watershed restoration and healthy, connected riparian areas.
 - Establishes three recreation-management zones based on expectations and infrastructure in each area.
 - Recommends 59,929 acres of wilderness adjacent to existing wilderness; identifies 88 segments (265.4 miles) on 32 rivers eligible for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
 - Supports multiple uses such as livestock grazing, mining and renewable energy
 - Outlines a monitoring program, developed through public input, which will ensure the forest plan meets its objectives.
- The Inyo National Forest updated the version of the land management plan released in August 2018, based on objections received. Major topics of objections included wild and scenic rivers, recommended wilderness, aquatic and riparian resources, vegetation and fuels management, Pacific Crest Trail management, species-specific management, and the species of conservation concern list.

The final plan and supporting materials are available on-line at the project website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/inyo/landmanagement/planning>. For more information, contact: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427.

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