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Opportunity to Comment on the Schwartz and Leff Mineral Withdrawal Project

Dear reviewer:

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Schwartz and Leff Mineral Withdrawal Project, and we are asking you to provide comments. The Forest Service has filed an application package with the Bureau of Land Management requesting the Secretary of Interior to administratively withdraw 39.6 acres of National Forest System Lands along the North Fork Salmon River from mineral location and entry under the U.S. Mining Laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 21-28), subject to valid existing rights, for 20 years. The Project area is located about ten miles northwest of Sawyers Bar, CA and is within the North Fork of the Salmon River drainage of the Salmon River Watershed. The legal location is: Township 10 North, Range 8 West, Sections 8 and 9 (Mount Diablo Meridian). The purpose of, and need for, this proposal is to reduce potential degradation to the unique historical value of the Schwartz and Leff residential and mining site. This is one of few remaining sites representative of the local Salmon River mining history that includes intact structures. Proposal information is also available on the Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52610.

It is important to us that reviewers provide their comments within the deadline and in a manner that comments can be used for the agency's preparation of the EA. For example, think about the following questions and provide comments about the "what" and "why": (1) what information would you like us to provide and why; (2) what concerns do you have about the proposal and why; and (3) what changes should we consider in our project design and why. In order for referenced material to be considered, commenters should supply referenced literature and discuss its relevancy to the project as part of their comments.

The scoping period for this EA will run for 30 days starting on Wednesday June 27 and ending Friday July 27. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Submit electronic comments to the Klamath National Forest's project webpage: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=52610 by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

Written comments can be submitted via fax (530)468-1290 or mailed to Ted McArthur, ATTN: Gay Baxter, 11263 N. Hwy 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032, or hand-delivered during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays).

For oral comments or more project information contact team lead Gay Baxter at (530)468-1210 or gbaxter @fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ted McArthur

District Ranger