

**LEGAL NOTICE OF
DECISION
USDA-FOREST
SERVICE**

**Devil's Garden Plateau
Wild Horse
Territory Management
Plan**

Devil's Garden Ranger District, Modoc National Forest
Modoc County, California
Modoc National Forest Supervisor, Kimberly H. Anderson, has made a decision to implement Alternative 2, the Proposed Action, with minor modifications, for the management of wild horses in the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory (DGPWHT) over the next 15-20 years. The DGPWHT consists of about 232,520 acres, including approximately 7,600 acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Alturas Office.

The primary goal of this project is to manage wild horses in the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory as a self-sustaining population of healthy animals in a thriving, natural, ecological balance with other uses and within the productive capacity of their habitat as required by the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (Public Law 92-195), as amended.

To accomplish this goal, the Forest will implement actions, as described in Devil's Garden Plateau WHT Plan EA and the Devil's Garden Plateau WHT Management Plan.

The Proposed Action and design criteria and mitigations are described in the Environmental Analysis, the Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) and the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory Management Plan (DGPWHTMP) attached to the DN/FONSI, that were prepared for this project.

Electronic copies of the environmental assessment, supporting documents, the DN/FONSI and DGPWHTMP are available on the Modoc National Forest web page (www.fs.usda.gov/projects/modoc/landmanagement/projects). Once there, select Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory Management Plan.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. An appeal may be filed by any person or any non-Federal organization or entity that has provided substantive comment during the comment period. Notices of appeal must meet the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. An appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer (36 CFR 215.8)

within 45 days following the publication date of the legal notice. The publication date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time period to file an appeal (36 CFR 215.15(b)(3)). Those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided

by any other source. Appeals must be submitted to the Regional Forester: Randy Moore, USDA Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Appeals may be submitted by FAX (707-562-9229), or by hand delivery to the Regional Forester's Office, at the address shown above, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Electronic appeals, in acceptable formats [plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc or .docx)], may be submitted to appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Anderson, 225 West 8th St., Alturas, CA 96101, 530-233-5811, khander-son@fs.fed.us.

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