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Dear Interested Party:

The San Bernardino National Forest, Mountaintop Ranger District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Grass Valley Fire Restoration Project. The EA and supporting documents are available for review at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43428>.

A comment period is being provided for this environmental assessment pursuant to 36 CFR 218.22, and is intended to provide those interested in, or affected by this action an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official.

The project area is approximately 1,043 acres of federal lands administered by the San Bernardino National Forest, and is located adjacent to the communities of Deer Lodge Park and North Lake Arrowhead, California. The legal location of the project area is Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18; and Township 2 North, Range 4 West in portions of Section 13, San Bernardino Meridian.

We are proposing to conduct fuels reduction and vegetation management activities, treat non-native plants, repair damaged infrastructure including trails and roads, and remove danger (hazard) trees. After public scoping, it was decided to eliminate the proposed use of herbicides and treat non-native plants by manual methods only. With this change, this project is being prepared under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) authorities with an emphasis on reducing hazardous fuels in the Wildland-Urban Interface, and implementing forest health treatments.

#### **How to Comment and Timeframe:**

Written and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the *Mountain News*, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal (36 CFR 218.24(c)(2)). Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Individuals and organizations wishing eligibility to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.25, including specific written comments as defined in 218.2 regarding the proposed project, along with supporting reasons (218.25 (a)(3)(iii)). The commenter is responsible to provide the literature cited in their comment, as well as the full citation and explanation of how each piece of literature cited applies to the environmental analysis. Each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding this project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (218.24(b)(8)). All written comments received by the responsible official become a matter of public record (218.35(b)(2)).

Please submit your comments through the online comment form. You can access the comment form during the comment period by clicking on "Comment/Object on Project" link on the right-hand side of the project website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43428>



Any attached comments must be in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

If you are unable to send comments electronically, you may send them by mail to Marc Stamer, District Ranger, attn. Mirrissa Lizardi, Mountaintop Ranger District, PO Box 290, Fawnskin, California, 92333. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

**Objection Process Information:**

This project will be subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and C. This rule provides the public with an opportunity to object to a project before a decision is made. A 30-day pre-decisional administrative review period, also known as objection period, will be initiated with the publication of a legal notice for objection and distribution of the draft decision notice. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

If you are unable to access the project documents from the project website referenced above, or have questions about this project, please contact Mirrissa Lizardi at [malizardi@fs.fed.us](mailto:malizardi@fs.fed.us), or (909) 382-2762.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Marc Stamer*

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