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**File Code:** 1900  
**Date:** July 26, 2018

Dear Interested Party,

The Mountain Top Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest has prepared a final environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, and draft Decision Notice for the Grass Valley Fire Restoration Project. The draft decision is to implement fuels reduction and vegetation management activities on approximately 1,043 acres using variety of treatment methods. These treatment methods will vary by site conditions and may include manual labor, mastication, cable-skyline, as well as tractor (ground based). Other activities are prescribed fire/broadcast burning, brush piling, reforestation, manually treating non-native species, and repair of damaged infrastructure such as trails, roads and low water crossings. Project design features were developed to protect resources.

This project is being prepared under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act authorities with an emphasis on reducing hazardous fuels and implementing forest health treatments in the intermountain areas affecting Lake Arrowhead and surrounding communities. The proposed project or activity is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and C.

The environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact and draft decision notice are available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43428> under the Grass Valley Fire Restoration Project listing. These documents are also available for review at the Big Bear Discovery Center on the San Bernardino National Forest, 40971 North Shore Drive Fawnskin, CA 92333. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from Thad Chavez, Mountain Top Ranger District, phone number (909) 382-2772, during normal business hours.

### **How to Object and Timeframe**

The opportunity to object ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the *Mountain News*. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and that those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another other source. Regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities §218.8(c).



The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with: Jody Noiron, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest Service 602 S Tippecanoe Ave San Bernardino CA 92408; Phone: (909) 382-2600; Fax: (909) 383-5770. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) by visiting the project page <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43428> and click on *Comment/Object on Project* on the right.

Please state "Grass Valley Fire Restoration Project" in the subject line when providing electronic objections, or on the envelope when replying by mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diverse Kopp" with "for" written below it in a smaller, cursive script.

MARC STAMER  
District Ranger