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Dated at Placerville, California, this **14th** day of **AUGUST, 2015**

Kristin Mattes
Signature

Proof of Publication of PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
Deer Valley 4wd Meadow Restoration Project and Meadow Lake Road Maintenance Project
USDA Forest Service
Eldorado National Forest
Amador Ranger District
Alpine County, California

Notice for Opportunity to Comment: Deer Valley 4wd Meadow Restoration Project and Meadow Lake Road Maintenance Project

The Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Deer Valley 4wd Meadow Restoration Project and Meadow Lake Road Maintenance Project. A comment period is being provided for this EA 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 on the alternatives analyzed in detail. Those submitting timely, specific written comments will be eligible to file during the objection period which will be provided for this project prior to decision (36 CFR 218.5(a)).

The proposed project area is located between the areas of Meadow Lake and Lower Blue Lake along Meadow Lake Road (9N01), Section 30, 25, and 26 T.9 N., R 18 E., M.D.B.&M.

and along Deer Valley 4wd trail (19E01), Section 5, T.8 N., R 19 E., M.D.B.&M. This project proposes activities including streambank restoration, trail hardening, a trail reroute on the Deer Valley 4wd trail, and road maintenance activities along Meadow Lakes Road. In addition, the project would consider a Forest Order to limit wheeled vehicle travel on 19E01 an 9N01 during a portions of the spring/summer to protect Threatened and Endangered species including the Yosemite toad and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog.

The Environmental Assessment is available for review at:
http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45439 or the Amador Ranger District Office, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA, 95666. For more information or to obtain a hard copy of the EA, please contact Matt Brown, Botanist at 530-642-5110 or email at mrbrown@fs.fed.us.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Mountain Democrat, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source (36 CFR 218.24(c)(2)). Extensions to the length of the comment period cannot be granted (36 CFR 218.25(a)(1)(iv)). Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.25(a), 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 proposed action. 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)).

Comments, written or oral, may be submitted to: Richard Hopson, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA 95666, (209) 295-4251, during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday).

Electronic comments, in acceptable plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) formats, may be submitted to: **comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado-amador@fs.fed.us** with Subject: Deer Valley 4wd/Meadow Lake Road Project.

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