

**Legal Notice for
Scoping
Westside Fire Recovery
Project**

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Westside Fire Recovery project and we are asking you to provide scoping comments. The Westside Fire Recovery project was developed in response to landscape-level ecosystem needs due to the high intensity and severity of effects of the 2014 Fire Season. The project area incorporates 214,848 total acres (184,502 acres of National Forest System land and 30,346 acres of private land) and is divided into three subparts: project area A (Beaver Fire); project area B (Happy Camp Complex); and project area C (Whites Fire of the July Complex). The project is located on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll, Salmon/Scott River Ranger Districts of the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County California.

The Forest Service proposes to (1) reduce safety hazards to the public and forest workers; (2) obtain the maximum economic commodity value from burned timber; and (3) increase the likelihood and speed by which burned forested areas are rehabilitated. Proposal information is available on Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=45579>.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B; however, the Forest is requesting an emergency situation determination (36 CFR 218.21). If it is determined that an emergency situation exists, the proposed action shall not be subject to the pre-decisional objection process and implementation may proceed immediately after notification of the decision (§218.21(d)(1)). If an emergency situation determination is not made, only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. The

Forest is also seeking alternative arrangements from the Council on Environmental Quality. Such arrangements may include a shorter comment period and concurrent release of the final EIS and record of decision.

Comments received within 30 days of the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register are assured consideration in the next phase of project planning. Anticipated publication date is October 14, 2014.

Submit electronic comments at the Klamath National Forest's project webpage <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=45579> 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). Citations are required for all referenced literature in scoping comment letters; if no citations are provided, the Forest Service reserves the right to request copies of any literature cited.

Submit written comments via fax (530) 842-6131 or mailed to Patricia A. Grantham, ATTN: Wendy Coats, 1711 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, or hand-delivered during normal business hours (8am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays). For oral comments or for more project information contact Wendy Coats at (530) 841-4470 or wcoats@fs.fed.us.

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