
File Code: 1950
Date: April 29, 2016

Dear Interested Party:

As the Responsible Official, I prepared a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Rim Fire Reforestation (Rim Reforestation) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As my proposed decision, the Community Alternative includes a combination of reforestation treatments from Alternatives 1, 3, 4 and 5.

You are receiving this notice because you expressed a specific interest in the project or because I believe you may be directly or indirectly affected by the project. The Draft ROD is enclosed for those who provided comments during the comment period; otherwise, the EIS, maps and other project information are available by request from the Stanislaus National Forest Headquarters, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370; or, online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45612>.

This draft decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who submitted project specific written comments, during a designated comment period, that: (1) are within the scope of the proposed action; (2) have a direct relationship to the proposed action; and, (3) must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).

Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment periods. Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the opportunity to object legal notice in the Union Democrat (expected on April 29, 2016) which is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. The Forest will post the actual legal notice on the project website address noted above as soon as it is available. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

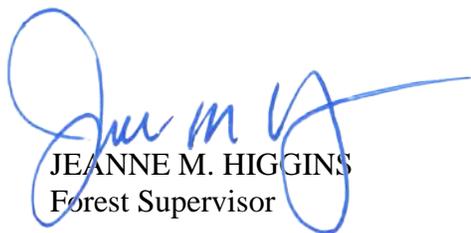
Objections must be submitted to the Reviewing Officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester; USDA Forest Service; Attn: **Rim Reforestation Objection**; 1323 Club Drive; Vallejo, CA 94592. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707) 562-9229, or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Submit electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: **Rim Reforestation Objection**. Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest and/or Ranger Districts; 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).



For additional information regarding this project, contact Maria Benech at the Stanislaus National Forest; 19777 Greenley Road; Sonora, CA 95370; or, call (209) 532-3671 ext. 463.

Thank you for your continued interest in management of the Stanislaus National Forest.

Sincerely,



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