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Dear Friends of Plumas National Forest,

The Mt. Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest is proposing the Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project. We are proposing management activities designed to restore the area affected by the 2007 Moonlight Fire; to reduce the post-fire effects to vegetation, watersheds, and recreation; and to enhance resiliency to future fires, droughts, insect and disease infestations, and climate change.

Proposed vegetation management activities include reforestation of sites that have been heavily burned, aspen restoration, vegetation thinning, hazardous fuel reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement. In addition, we are proposing road management activities; including maintenance, decommissioning of unneeded roads, and obliterating non-system roads to reduce impacts to water quality. Finally we are proposing trail management activities consisting of brush removal and maintenance for motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails.

A detailed description of the project background, location, purpose and need, and proposed action is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/plumas/landmanagement/projects>. The notice and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971.

If you have questions, would like to request a hard copy of the detailed proposed action, or need additional information about this proposal or the comment procedures, please contact Christine Handler, Project Leader at 559-920-2188; email: cahandler@fs.fed.us.

Public Information Meetings

Public information meetings will be held to provide an informal opportunity for stakeholders to learn about the project and ask questions of Forest Service staff. These meetings are expected to be held in mid-September with dates and locations still to be determined. Public notice of the details of these meetings will be provided at a later date.

Comments Welcome

We are currently seeking information, comments, and assistance from state and local governments, tribes, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed management activities. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. In order for your comments to be most useful, we would appreciate receiving them by **September 30, 2016**. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, are part of the public record for this proposed action.

In an effort to reduce paper use, the Forest Service will emphasize electronic correspondence throughout this project. Please submit your comments through the online comment form. You can access the comment form by clicking on "Comment on Project" on the right-hand side of the



project website at: <http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/fs-usda-pop.php?project=49421>.

Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), or an email message. Please put “**Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project**” in the subject line.

Hard copy comments may be:

- Mailed to the attention of Micki Smith, District Ranger, c/o Plumas Fire Restoration Comments, Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971;
- Hand delivered weekdays (except holidays) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971;
- Faxed to 530-293-1821.

Objection Regulations (36 CFR 218)

The proposed project is subject to the pre-decisional review (or objection) regulations of 36 CFR §218 Subparts A and B.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (defined by 36 CFR 218.1) during a designated public comment period established by the responsible official will have eligibility to file an objection (36 CFR §218.5). For this scoping comment period, comments will be considered timely if submitted by **September 30, 2016**. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a) (3).

We appreciate your interest in public land management.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor