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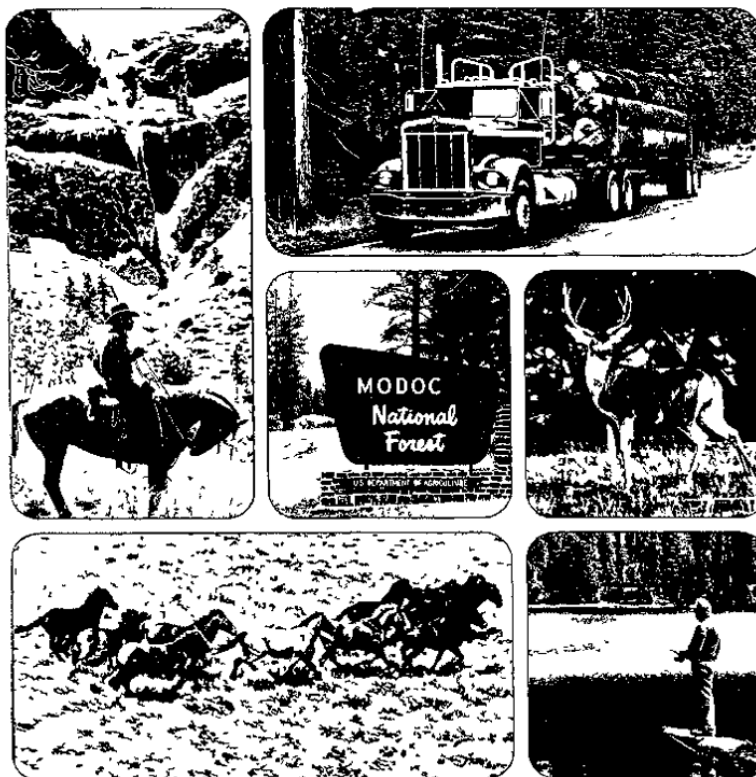
July 2003



Modoc National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Actions July – September 2003

Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou Counties, California



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Supervisor's Office

Project Name: **Noxious Weed Treatment**

Description / Proposed Action: The Forest Service will treat between 100-300 acres of noxious weeds annually, for a period of 10 years, on Modoc NF lands within Modoc, Lassen and Siskiyou counties. This decision will implement portions of the Forest Integrated Pest Management Plan.

Location: Forest-wide

Scoping Began or to Begin: Notice of Intent to prepare EIS published in Federal Register April 24, 1998

Contact and Phone Number: [Irene Davidson](#) 530-233-8836

Status: DEIS scheduled for release in September, 2003

Estimated Date of Decision: Nov 2003

Big Valley Ranger District

Map Number: B2

Project Name: **Black Stain Treatment Timber Sale**

Description / Proposed Action: Treatments to reduce future mortality from Black stain disease through thinning and clearcutting, treating slash and existing heavy fuels through several possible methods including prescribed burning, and reforestation methods where necessary. The treatment will include a commercial timber sale within the Big Valley Federal Sustained Yield Unit.

Location: Lassen County, Township 37 North, Range 10 East sections 25 and 36; Township 37 North, Range 11 East sections 30 and 31.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2001

Contact and Phone Number: [Barbara Zylstra](#) 530-299-3215

Status: Data Collection, analysis and environmental assessment preparation

Estimated Date of Decision: August 2003

Map Number: B5

Project Name: **COTP Interior Underburns**

Description / Proposed Action: Under burn forested stands located in and adjacent to the utility corridor for high power transmission lines to reduce fuel loads and maintain continuous power transmission without interruptions due to large fires.

Location: Siskiyou County, Township 42 North, Range 4 East, Sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34 and 35.

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2000

Contact and Phone Number: [Keith Bryan](#) 530-299-3215

Status: Scoping/Issue identification

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

Map Number: B9

Project Name: **Issuance of a Special Use Permit to Surprise Valley Electric Cooperative for the existing power line to Hayden Hill**

Description / Proposed Action: The existing power line to the mine at Hayden Hill is to be removed when the mine terminates operations. Private landowners in conjunction with Surprise Valley Electric Cooperative have requested that the Modoc National Forest issue a special use permit for the power line to Surprise Valley Electric Cooperative rather than require removal of the power line. The environmental document will be prepared jointly with Lassen County.

Location: Lassen County Township 37 North, Range 10 East, sections 29, 30, and 32.

Scoping Began or to Begin: May 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Jayne Biggerstaff](#) 530-233-8740

Status: Activity suspended by request of Lassen Gold Mining, Inc. subsidiary of Kinam Gold Inc.

Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: B10

Project Name: **Salt Log Old growth/Goshawk Precommercial Thinning**

Description / Proposed Action: Precommercial thin an Old Growth/Goshawk stand within the Salt Log Insect Salvage timber sale. The thinning and piling will be done by hand under a service contract. The treatment will meet standards and guidelines within the Modoc National Forest Plan. The treatment area lies within the Big Valley Federal Sustained Yield Unit.

Location: Modoc County Township 39 North, Range 11 East, section 21.

Scoping Began or to Begin: February 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Barbara Zylstra](#) 530-299-3215

Status: Decision signed

Date of Decision: June 2003.

Map Number: B11

Project Name: **Ash Creek Bald Eagle Thinning**

Description / Proposed Action: Precommercial thin three bald eagle territories to improve habitat. Analysis has been expanded to a territory along the Pit River and one at Said Valley Reservoir.

Location: Lassen & Modoc Counties Township 38 North, Range 10 East, sections 10 and 14, Township 36 North, Range 10 East, sections 23,24,25,26 and 35, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, sections 27 and 34

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Barbara Zylstra](#) 530-299-3215

Status: Scoping and Issue Identification.

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: B12

Project Name: **Upper Rush Creek Water System Upgrade**

Description / Proposed Action: The project will replace the existing spring box and storage tank with a new infiltration gallery and cutoff wall and install a new storage tank and water line approximately 300 feet from the existing system. The project will disturb 0.3 acres.

Location: Modoc County Township 40 North, Range 10 East, section 17.

Scoping Began or to Begin: November 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Matt Dorgan](#) 530-233-5811

Status: Scoping and Issue Identification.

Estimated Date of Decision: January 2004

Map Number: B13

Project Name: **Cary Wildland Urban Interface Fuel Treatment**

Description / Proposed Action: Reduce fuel loading in overstocked juniper stands, decadent mountain mahogany stands and underburn 4,000 acres located in the vicinity of Cary Reservoir and inside a Wildland Urban Intermix zone to protect private residences and the National Forest.

Location: Lassen County Township 37 North, Range 9 East, sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Township 38 North, Range 8 East, sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 24, 35 and 36; Township 37 North, Range 9 East, sections 19, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Keith Bryan](#) 530-299-3215

Status: Scoping and Issue Identification completed. A decision memo is in progress.

Estimated Date of Decision: April 2004

Map Number: B14

Project Name: **Looney Bald Eagle Thinning**

Description / Proposed Action: Precommercial thin in a bald eagle territory.

Location: Modoc County Township 40 North, Ranges 6 and 7 East, sections 10, 11 and 29 through 32.

Scoping Began or to Begin: June 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [John Landoski](#) 530-299-8425

Status: Scoping and Issue Identification.

Estimated Date of Decision: July 2003

Devil's Garden Ranger District / Doublehead Ranger District

Map Number: D3

Project Name: **Tionesta Twin Plantation Fuels Management**

Description / Proposed Action: Mechanical and/or prescribed fire treatment of vegetation and fuels in and adjacent to plantations including areas in the "wildland urban interface" surrounding the town of Tionesta.

Location: Modoc County, Township 43 and 44 North, Range 5 and 6 East.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2002.

Contact and Phone Number: [Anne Mileck](#) 530-233-8803

Status: proposal development, analysis

Estimated Date of Decision: August 2003

Map Number: D4

Project Name: **Modoc Complex Fire Salvage and Restoration**

Description / Proposed Action: Removal of fire killed trees and trees damaged beyond recovery and subsequent ecosystem restoration activities in four areas burned in the August 2001 wildfires.

Location: Modoc County, (Deer Fire – Township 43 North, Range 7 East) (Bell Fire Township 45 North, Range 8 and 9 East) (Kellogg Fire Township 47 and 48 North, Range 10 East) (Fourmile Fire Township 48 North, Range 9 and 10 East).

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 13, 2001

Contact and Phone Number: [Anne Mileck](#) 530-233-8803

Status: Environmental Assessment completed, Decision Notice with Finding of No Significant Impact signed June 10, 2003.

Date of Decision: June 10, 2003

Project Number: D6

Project Name: **Private Property Road Access Improvement Proposal**

Description / Proposed Action: Proposal by private property owner to improve existing access to private parcel.

Location: Modoc County, Doublehead Ranger District Township 48 North, Range 8 East, Sections 21 and 28.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Jayne Biggerstaff](#) 530-233-8740

Status: Scoping and documentation

Estimated Date of Decision: August 2003

Map Number: D7

Project Name: **Long Damon Gopher Damage Management Project**

Description / Proposed Action: Reduce conifer seedling mortality through direct control of gopher population levels within plantations utilizing strychnine treated grain in underground burrow systems.

Location: Modoc County, Township 42, 43, 44 North, Range 5, 6, 7 East.

Scoping Began or to Begin: March 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Anne Mileck](#) 530-233-8803

Status: Data analysis

Estimated Date of Decision: September 2003

Map Number: D8

Project Name: **Raptor Habitat Improvement and Protection**

Description / Proposed Action: Thinning of pine and juniper to remove fuel ladder and accelerate tree growth to protect, develop and enhance Bald Eagle habitat.

Location: Modoc County, Township 47, 48 North, Range 10 East, sections 5, 6, 32.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Anne Mileck](#) 530-233-8803

Status: Data collection and Development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

Map Number: D9

Project Name: **Mowitz Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Project**

Description / Proposed Action: Thinning of juniper in the vicinity of seasonal wetlands and sage grouse lek sites to aid in the recovery of native grass/shrub habitat and other conditions favorable for sage grouse.

Location: Modoc County, Township 46 North, Range 8 East, Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, & 31-34. Township 46 North, Range 7E, Sections 25,26,33,35,& 36, Township 45 North, Range 8 East, Sections 3, 4, 9,10, &15, Township 45 North, Range 7 East, Sections 1, 2,10,11,12, & 13.

Scoping Began or to Begin: March 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Patti Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Data collection and development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: July 2003

Map Number: D10

Project Name: **Devils Garden Guzzler Retrofit/Maintenance**

Description / Proposed Action: Modify 19 fiberglass guzzlers to accommodate use by birds and small mammals while preventing their entrapment and death. In addition, provide better approach access at these guzzlers to mule deer.

Location: Modoc County, Township 43 North, Range 9 East, Sections 6 and 27, Township 43 North, Range 8E, Section 1, Township 44 North, Range 8 East, Sections 1, 19, 25, 30 & 36, Township 44 North, Range 9 East, Sections 6,19, & 29. Township 45 North Range 8E, Sections 25 & 36, Township 45 North, Range 9E, Section 30, Township 43 North, Township 11 East, Section 29, Township 47 North, Range 12 East, Sections 14, & 23, Township 46 North, Range 9 East, Section 36, Township 46 North, Range 10 East, Section 31.

Scoping Began or to Begin: March 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Patti Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: June 2003

Map Number: D12

Project Name: **BIA Road Improvement Lauer Reservoir Access**

Description / Proposed Action: Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed road construction and/or improvement to access the Lauer Reservoir dam for repair and maintenance.

Location: Modoc County, Township 44 North, Range 13 East, section 9 (dam location).

Scoping Began or to Begin: April 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Jayne Biggerstaff](#) 530-233-8740

Status: Data collection and development of proposal, determination of most effective route.

Estimated Date of Decision: September 2003

Map Number: D14

Project Name: **Panhandle and Crumes Lake Guzzler Replacement**

Description / Proposed Action: Replace two old non-functional quail guzzlers with guzzlers suitable for big/small game and non-game wildlife.

Location: Siskiyou County, Township 45 North, Range 3 East, Section 4, Township 46 North, Range 3 East, Section 15.

Scoping Began or to Begin: March 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Patti Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Data collection and development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: June 2003

Map Number: D15

Project Name: **Twin Sister and Big Sand Butte Guzzlers**

Description / Proposed Action: Install 2 new guzzlers to benefit big/small game and non-game wildlife.

Location: Siskiyou County, Township 45 North, Range 5 East, Sections 9 & 32.

Scoping Began or to Begin: March 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Patti Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Data collection and development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: June 2003

Warner Mountain Ranger District

Map Number: W1

Project Name: **Sugar Hill Recreation Project**

Description/Proposed Action: Installation of 2 vault toilets, renovation of Sugar Hill Lookout, interpretive signing for cultural and historical resources, and potential special uses associated with the use of Sugar Hill for hang-gliding by individuals or groups such as remote weather equipment and wind direction.

Location: Modoc County, Township 46 North, Range 14 East, NE ¼ Section 26.

Scoping Began: Spring 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Bill Tierney](#) 530-279-8311

Status: Issue Identification/Data Collection/ Analysis/EA in progress

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2003

Map Number: W2

Project Name: **Blue Fire Forest Recovery Project**

Description/Proposed Action: Includes fuel treatments on 9,275 acres through commercial harvest, with 94% (8,690 acres) of the fuels being removed by ground-based systems and 6% (585 acres) of the fuels being removed by helicopter logging. Commercial harvest will remove all dead trees 8" dbh and larger except for snag dependent species planned for retention of down woody material. Remove and or treatment of dead woody material less than 8" dbh will be completed by fuel reduction projects separate from the planned commercial harvest.

Location: Modoc/Lassen County, South end of the Warner Mountain Ranger District.

Scoping Began or to Begin: December 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Edie Asrow](#) 530-279-8310

Status: End of comment period was March 10, 2003. Final EIS & ROD are expected in July 2003.

Estimated Date of Decision: July 2003

Map Number: W5

Project Name: **Briles Commercial Thinning Project**

Description/Proposed Action: Proposal to analyze possible improvement to Bald Eagle habitat in a Wildland Urban Interface area adjacent to Briles Reservoir (W12). This will include the thinning of conifers on approximately 500 acres. Juniper reduction and forest pest concerns will be addressed in this project.

Location: Modoc County, Briles Reservoir area on the northern portion of the Warner Mtn. Ranger District Township 45 North, Range 14 and 15 East, section 3, 4, 9 and 10.

Scoping Began or to Begin: November 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Mary Flores](#) (IDT Leader) 530-279-8318, [Cathy Carlock](#) 530-279-8331

Status: Scoping/Data Collection/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: April 2004

Map Number: W8

Project Name: **Plum Valley Meadow Fence**

Description/Proposed Action: Construct a fence around the meadow below the Plum Valley Campground

Location: Township 45 North, Range 14 East, Section 26, NW¼.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Lamar Taylor](#) (530) 279-8320

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: September 2003

Map Number: W9

Project Name: **West Valley Hydroelectric Project**

Description: Proposal to develop hydroelectric power using existing water diversion from South Fork Pit River and existing West Valley Reservoir. Proposal includes construction of penstock and powerhouse facilities.

Location: Township 39 North, Range 14 East, Sections 7 and 18.

Scoping Began: September 2002

Contact and Phone Number: [Jayne Biggerstaff](#) 530-233-8740

Status: Scoping and data collection

Estimated Date of Decision: December 2004

Map Number: W10

Project Name: **Johnson Slough Fence**

Description/Proposed Action: Construct approximately 1.25 miles of fence to create a holding field for cattle.

Location: Township 45 North, Range 14 East, Sections 11, 14, and 15.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Lamar Taylor](#) (530) 279-8320

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: September 2003

Map Number: W11

Project Name: **North Fork Davis Creek Cattleguard**

Description/Proposed Action: Install a cattleguard on a road into an undeveloped camping area.

Location: Township 45 North, Range 14 East, Section 14, NE ¼ NW¼.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Lamar Taylor](#) (530) 279-8320

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: September 2003

Map Number: W12

Project Name: **Fender Rx Burn Project**

Description/Proposed: Proposal to apply prescribed fire to approximately 5,000 acres in and around Fender Flat and Briles Reservoir in conjunction with the "Briles Commercial Thinning Project" listed in W5 above. Stands consist of primarily eastside pine and mixed conifer that have previously thinned.

Location: Township 45 North, Range 14 East, Sections 2-4, 9-15 and 22.

Township 46 North, Range 14 East, Sections 25-26 and 33-35.

Scoping Began or to Begin: April 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Mary Flores](#) 530-279-8318 or [Larry Haight](#) 530-233-8814

Status: Scoping and data collection

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

Map Number: W13

Project Name: **Joseph Creek Rx Burn Project**

Description/Proposed Action: Proposal to apply prescribed fire to approximately 3,500 acres of pine and mixed conifer stands in the Joseph Creek Basin and Halls Meadow area adjacent to private lands. Stands proposed for treatment have generally been previously thinned.

Location: Township 43 North, Range 14 East, Sections 22-23, 26-27, and 34-36.

Township 44 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1-3.

Scoping Began or to Begin: April 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Larry Haight](#) (530) 233-8814

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: December 2003

Map Number: W14

Project Name: **West Warner Rx Burn Project**

Description/Proposed Action: Proposal to apply prescribed fire to approximately 7,500 acres of pine and mixed conifer stands in an area of the West Warner's stretching from Parker Creek in the north to Cherry Creek in the south and from the forest boundary on the west to the South Warner Wilderness boundary on the east. Stands proposed for treatment have generally been previously thinned.

Location: Township 40 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1, 2 and 12.
Township 40 North, Range 15 East, Sections 4-5, 8 and 9.
Township 41 North, Range 14 East, Sections 1-3, 10-15, 21-28 and 33-36.
Township 41 North, Range 15 East, Sections 5-7, 18-19 and 30-31.
Township 42 North, Range 14 East, Sections 25-27 and 34-36.
Township 42 North, Range 15 East, Section 31.

Scoping Began or to Begin: April 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Larry Haight](#) (530) 233-8814

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: December 2003

Map Number: 16

Project Name: **Pepperdine Campground and Trailhead Equestrian Facilities**

Description/Proposed: Construct large truck and stock trailer camping spurs with equestrian holding facilities for each campsite, install handicapped accessible vault toilets, provide hardened parking sites for day-use equestrian users and others, construct group picnic area with a potable water system and a short trail to connect the equestrian facilities with the existing Pepperdine Campground and Trailhead.

Location: Township 42 North, Range 15 East, Section 28

Scoping Began or to Begin: June 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Bill Tierney](#) 530-279-8311

Status: Scoping and data collection

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: 17

Project Name: **Cedar Creek Trail Restroom and Water System**

Description/Proposed: To replace the existing toilets with handicapped accessible facilities at the site and provide potable water.

Location: Township 43 North, Range 15 East, Section 33

Scoping Began or to Begin: June 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Bill Tierney](#) 530-279-8311

Status: Scoping and data collection

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2003

Map Number: 18

Project Name: **North Parker Creek Aspen and Riparian Fences**

Description/Proposed: Construct fences around some aspen groves and riparian areas on the North Parker Creek Allotment to better manage livestock grazing.

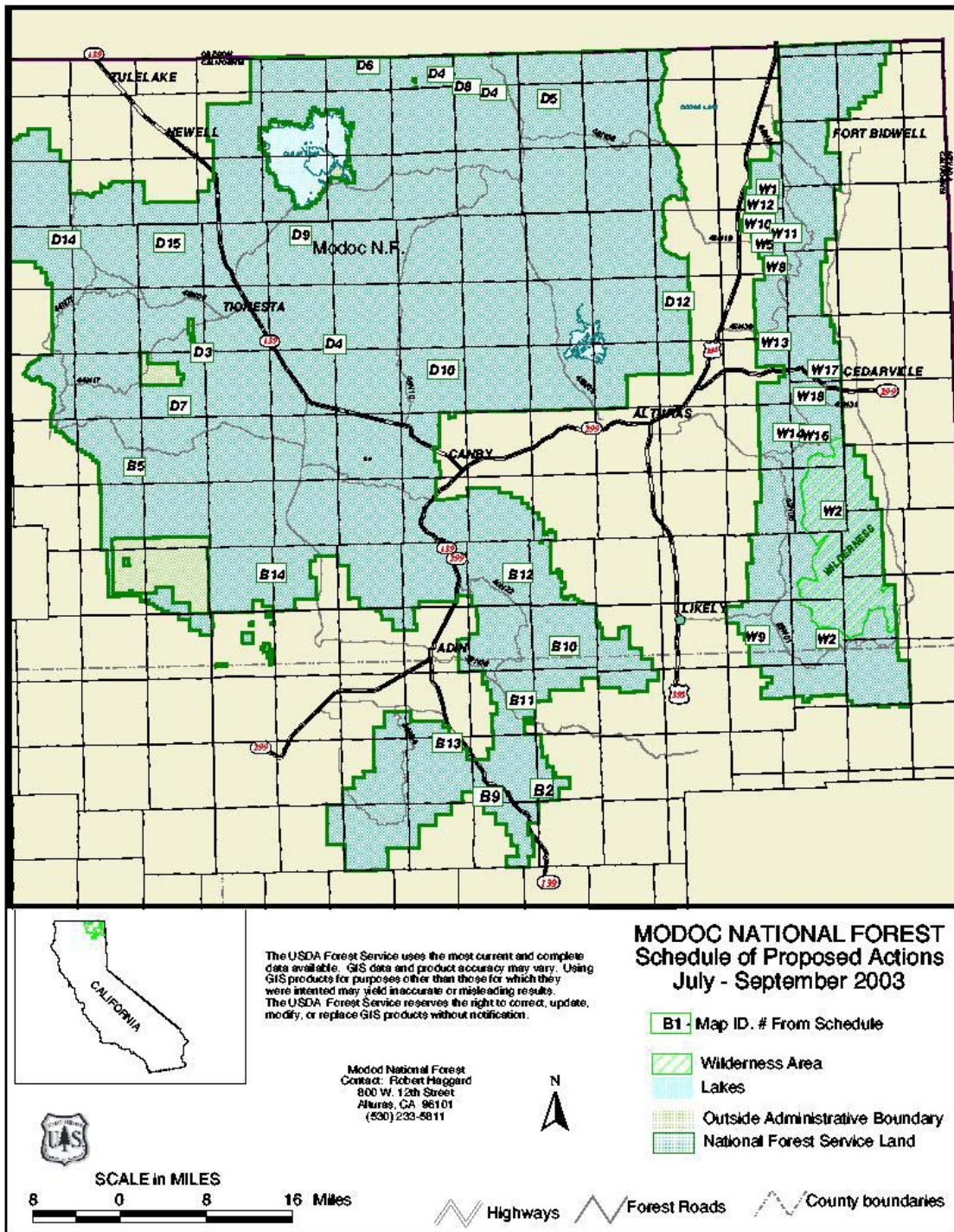
Location: T42N, R15E, Section 6, S1/2 S1/2, Section 7, N1/2

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Lamar Taylor](#) 530-279-8320

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: August 2003





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