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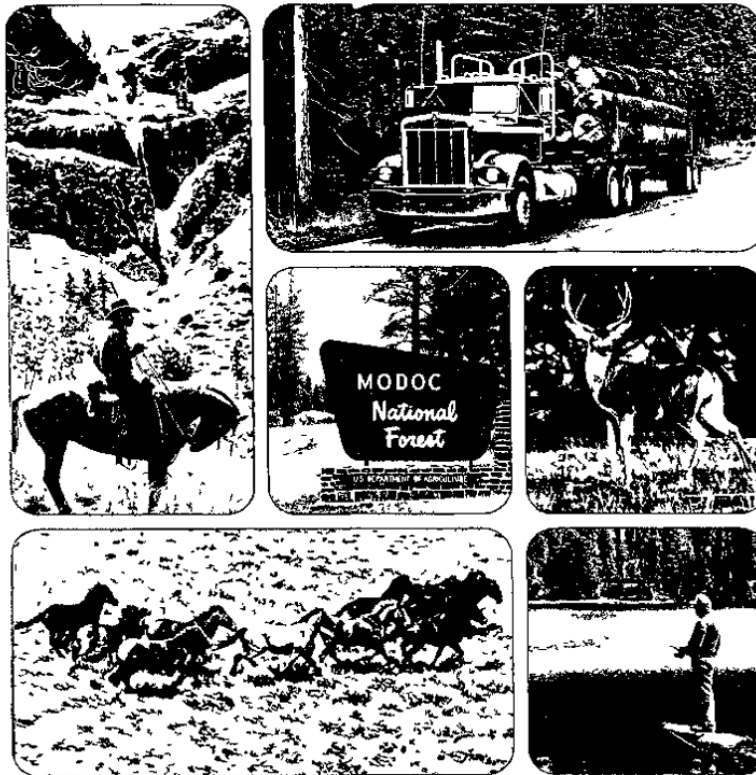
October 2003



Modoc National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Actions October – December 2003

Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou Counties, California



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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: [Robert Haggard](#) 530-233-8840

Status: DEIS scheduled for release in January, 2004

Estimated Date of Decision: April 2004

Big Valley Ranger District

Map Number: B1

Project Name: **Rush 1 Vegetation Treatments**

Description / Proposed Action: Precommercial thinning, commercial harvest and fuels treatments within the western ½ of the Rush Creek WUI.

Location: Modoc County; within the Big Valley Federal Sustained Yield Unit, Township 40 North, Ranges 9 East, sections 1-4, 9-12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27, 34 and 35.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2004

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

Status: Development of proposed action.

Estimated Date of Decision: June 2004

Map Number: B2

Project Name: **Black Stain Disease 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: Environmental Assessment completed, comment period ends October 13, 2003

Estimated Date of Decision: December 2003

Map Number: B5

Project Name: **COTP Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**

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: B7

Project Name: **West Bieber Allotment Management Plan**

Description/Proposed Action: To allow continuation of livestock grazing, to site-specifically apply appropriate Forest Land and Resource Management Plan standards and guidelines, to allocate forage in concert with forest resource objectives, and identify needed range and resource improvements.

Location: Lassen County, Township 36 & 37 North, Range 7, 8 & 9 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification/Data Collection

Estimated or Actual Date of Decision: October 2004

Map Number: B8

Project Name: **East Bieber Allotment Management Plan**

Description/Proposed Action: To allow continuation of livestock grazing, to site-specifically apply appropriate Forest Land and Resource Management Plan standards and guidelines, to allocate forage in concert with forest resource objectives, and identify needed range and resource improvements.

Location: Lassen County, Township 36, 37 & 38 North, Range 8 & 9 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification/Data Collection

Estimated or Actual Date of Decision: October 2004

Map Number: B9

Project Name: **Hayden Hill Power line Permit**

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: December 2003

Map Number: B10

Project Name: **Spring Hill Allotment Management Plan**

Description/Proposed Action: To allow continuation of livestock grazing, to site-specifically apply appropriate Forest Land and Resource Management Plan standards and guidelines, to allocate forage in concert with forest resource objectives, and identify needed range and resource improvements.

Location: Lassen County, Township 36 North, Range 10 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification/Data Collection

Estimated or Actual Date of Decision: October 2004

Map Number: B12

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

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: B14

Project Name: **Looney Bald Eagle Vegetation Management Treatment**

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: Proposed action being reviewed internally.

Estimated Date of Decision: Presently unknown

Map Number: B15

Project Name: **Rush Creek Allotment Management Plan**

Description/Proposed Action: To allow continuation of livestock grazing, to site-specifically apply appropriate Forest Land and Resource Management Plan standards and guidelines, to allocate forage in concert with forest resource objectives, and identify needed range and resource improvements.

Location: Modoc County, Township 40 & 41 North, Range 9 & 10 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification/Data Collection

Estimated or Actual Date of Decision: October 2004

Map Number: B16

Project Name: **Ash Vegetation Treatment**

Description / Proposed Action: Precommercial thinning, commercial harvest and fuels treatments.

Location: Lassen and Modoc Counties; within the Big Valley Federal Sustained Yield Unit. Township 38 North, Ranges 10 East, sections 3,4,9,10,15 and 16 and Township 39 North, Ranges 10 East, sections 18,19,20,28,29,32 and 33.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2004

Contact and Phone Number: [Barb Zylstra](#) 530-233-8810

Status: Development of proposed action.

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2004

Map Number: B17

Project Name: **Round Valley Allotment Management Plan**

Description/Proposed Action: To allow continuation of livestock grazing, to site-specifically apply appropriate Forest Land and Resource Management Plan standards and guidelines, to allocate forage in concert with forest resource objectives, and identify needed range and resource improvements.

Location: Lassen County and Modoc County, Township 38, 39 & 40 North, Range 9 & 10 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification/Data Collection

Estimated or Actual Date of Decision: October 2004

Map Number: B18

Project Name: **Janoff Private Property Access**

Description / Proposed Action: A proposal to gravel surface on an existing undesignated two-track road, 200 feet long and 14 feet wide.

Location: T 39N, R9E, Section 36

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Data collection.

Date of Decision: November 2003

Map Number: B19

Project Name: **Modoc Sucker Barrier Modification**

Description / Proposed Action: Modifications to an existing fish barrier to allow spawning for the Endangered Modoc Sucker.

Location: Modoc Counties, Johnson Creek. Township 40 North, Range 9 East, NW ¼ Section 23.

Scoping Began or to Begin: January 2004

Contact and Phone Number: [Marty Yamagiwa](#) 530-233-8810

Status: Development of proposed action.

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2004

Devil's Garden Ranger District / Doublehead Ranger District

Map Number: D3

Project Name: **Tionesta Twin Plantation and 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: Alternative development, analysis of effects

Estimated Date of Decision: December 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: Decision

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: D7

Project Name: **Kellog / Fourmile Fire Salvage and Restoration**

Description / Proposed Action: Removal of fire killed trees and trees damaged beyond recovery and subsequent planting activities in two areas burned in August 2001 wildfires.

Location: Modoc County, Township 47, 48 North, Range 10 East, Sections 3, 34, and T 48N., R 9E., sec.31 and 36.

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

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

Status: issue identification, categorical exclusion

Estimated Date of Decision: November 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, Ranges 12 and 13 East, sections 23,24,25,26,30,31,6,7. T. 47,48N., R.10E, Sec.5,6,29,32. T 43N. 9E, Sec.11,12,13,14,15,21,22. T 47N.R10,11E., Sec.23,24,25,26,30,31,36.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2002

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

Status: Identification of alternatives and environmental analysis beginning.

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

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: [Patty Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2004

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: Spring 2004

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: [Patty Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Data collection and development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

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: [Patty Buettner](#) 530-667-8613

Status: Data collection and development of proposal

Estimated Date of Decision: March 2004

Map Number: D16

Project Name: **Highlands Hazard and Wind Damaged Salvage Project**

Description / Proposed Action: Hazardous roadside tree removal from Modoc and Siskiyou County Roads 97 and 49 as well as Forest Service system roads.

Location: Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, Township 42 and 43 North, Range 3 and 4 East

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

Contact and Phone Number: [Dave Lablanc](#) 530-667-2246

Status: Scoping

Estimated Date of Decision: January 2004

Map Number: D17

Project Name: **Calpine Geophysical Surveys**

Description/Proposed: Application to conduct TDEM and magnetotelluric studies within the Glass Mountain KGRA.

Location: Approximately 200 locations within the KGRA

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

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

Status: Scoping and issue identification

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: D18

Project Name: **USGS Obsidian Collection for Research**

Description/Proposed: Application from US Geological Survey to collect up to 800 pounds of obsidian from Glass Mountain for use in analysis.

Location: T.44N, R.4E, Sec 26

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number: D19

Project Name: **Monchamp Commercial Decorative Rock**

Description/Proposed: Application to remove decorative rock from Devil's Garden.

Location: T.47N, R.13E, Sections 7 and 19

Scoping Began or to Begin: August 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: November 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/Environmental Analysis 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: October 25, 2001

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

Status: Implementation

Date of Decision: Record of Decision July 11, 2003

Map Number: W3

Project Name: **Surprise Valley Electrification - Permit Amendment**

Description/Proposed: Application to amend permit to include construction and operation of 320 feet of power line to private inholding.

Location: T.39N, R.14E, Sec 7 NE1/4NE1/4

Scoping Began or to Begin: September 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: October 2003

Map Number:W4

Project: **Monchamp Commercial Obsidian Operation**

Description/Proposed: Application to use equipment in obsidian collection for commercial purposes. Collection requested for areas within the Middle Fork Davis Creek Mine.

Location: T.44N., 14E., Sec. 26 NE1/4NE1/4

Scoping Began or to Begin: August 2003

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

Status: Scoping/Issue Identification

Estimated Date of Decision: October 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: 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: W12

Project Name: **Fender Hazardous Fuels Reduction 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 Hazardous Fuels Reduction 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 43North, Range 14 East, Sections 22-23, 26-27, and 34-36.
Township 44North, 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: W15

Project Name: **Merica Permit Renewal**

Description/Proposed: Application to renew permit to continue use of springbox and water line located on administrative site, Buck Creek Station.

Location: T.46N., R.15E., Sec. 7

Scoping Began or to Begin: July 2003

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

Status: Implementation

Date of Decision: September 25, 2003

Map Number: W16

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 Analysis

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2003

Map Number: W17

Project Name: **Cedar Creek Trail Water and Sanitation Project**

Description/Proposed: 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: December 2003

Map Number: W19

Project Name: **Scammon Reservoir Ditch**

Description/Proposed: Continued operation of existing water conveyance structures.

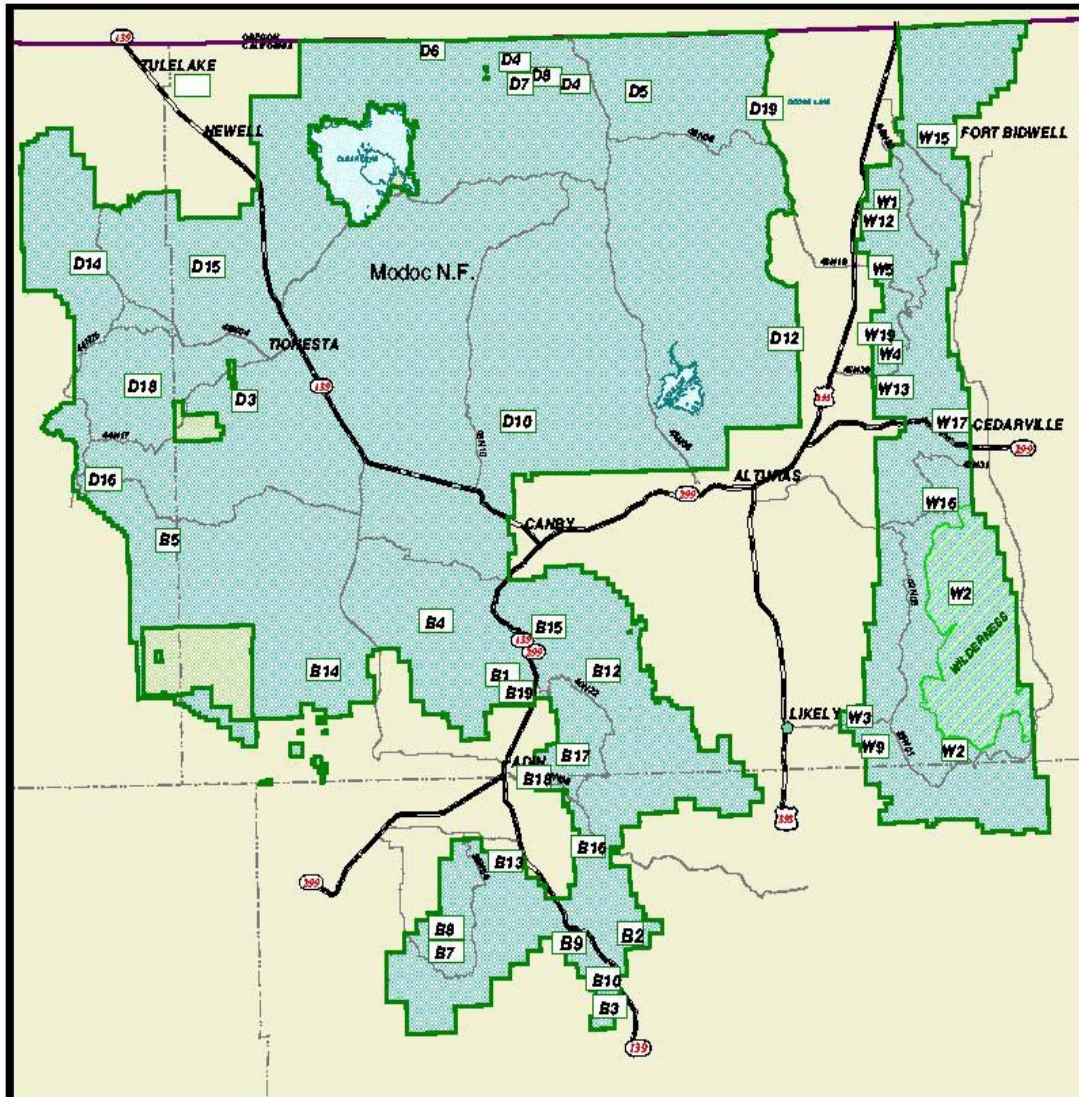
Location: T.44N, R.14E., portions of Sections 14 and 23.

Scoping Began or to Begin: October 2003

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

Status: Data Collection

Estimated Date of Decision: November 2003



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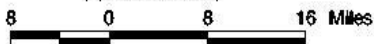
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SCALE in MILES



- Highways
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