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Forest Stakeholders:

On April 3, I reissued four Records of Decision (RODs) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement that accompanies the Revised Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the four southern California national forests. The new plans, which have been in effect since October 31, 2005, will remain in effect.

I am taking this action because a section of the FEIS (public comments on wildlife issues and the agency's responses) was inadvertently omitted from the printed and electronic documents. As soon as Forest Service officials discovered this technical error, the missing information was provided on the Internet and in libraries and Forest Service offices in southern California. However, because it may have affected appeals of the decision by people who have concerns over wildlife issues, I am reissuing the decision to give everybody a fair opportunity to review the plan.

All analysis including the omitted material was fully considered in the decision-making process, so the decision itself will remain the same: Alternative 4a is selected for implementation in the four new Forest Plans. The new plans focus on: active management for the maintenance of healthy forests; community protection from wildland fire; managed, sustainable recreation settings and uses; and the management of threatened and endangered species.

I remain fully confident that my decision will provide a balanced, strategic blueprint for responding to the increasing demand for recreation and other uses of the national forests in a sustainable manner while protecting forest ecosystems and resources.

This decision is subject to appeal in accordance with the provision of 36 CFR 217 by filing a written Notice of Appeal, in duplicate, within 90 days of the date specified in the published legal notice of this decision (Sacramento Bee), as provided in 36 CFR 217.5(b) and 217.8(a)(3). An appeal notice must be submitted in writing clearly stating that it is a Notice of Appeal being filed pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Appeals must be filed with the Chief of the Forest Service at either of the following addresses:

For delivery by the U.S. Postal Service *
Chief, USDA Forest Service
Attn: EMC Staff – Appeals, Stop 1104
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-1104

For ground delivery
Chief, USDA Forest Service
Attn: EMC Staff – Appeals
201 14th St., SW
3rd Floor Central
Washington, D.C. 20024

* Note: U.S. Postal Service mail is routed through a security facility and may be delayed by several days. To assure that appeals are received within the filing period, appellants may use ground delivery (Fedex, UPS, or similar services) or may hand-deliver appeals between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.



A copy must also be sent to:
USDA Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
Attn: Appeals and Litigation
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The notice of appeal must include sufficient narrative evidence and argument to show why this decision should be changed or reversed (36 CFR 217.9). Requests to stay approval of the Revised Forest Plan will not be granted (36 CFR 217.10(b)). For a period not to exceed 20 days following the filing of a Notice of Appeal, the Reviewing Officer shall accept requests to intervene in the appeal from any interested or potentially affected person or organization (36 CFR 217.14(a)).

Those appeals already submitted on the record of decision dated September 20, 2005 will be carried forward: the Appellants do not need to re-submit appeals. However, Appellants have the option to withdraw the appeal and submit a new appeal during the filing period, or simply submit another appeal. Appellants may appeal just one decision (one forest) or any combination of decisions (up to all four forests).

The Records of Decision, Forest Plans, and accompanying final environmental impact statement were distributed to all persons who ordered them. All of the documents (plus the new Record of Decision signature page for each of the four forests and updated errata) are posted on the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/r5/scfpr and are also available for review in Forest Service offices and public libraries throughout southern California. Copies of these documents on compact disc (and limited numbers of print version) as well as print versions of the errata and Record of Decision signature page are available at your local Forest Supervisor's office. For additional information, please contact the Planning staff at your local forest:

- Angeles National Forest, ATTN: Clem Lagrosa, 701 North Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006, Telephone Number 626-574-1613;
- Cleveland National Forest, ATTN: Tom White, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127, Telephone Number 858-674-2901;
- Los Padres National Forest, ATTN: Jim Turner, 6755 Hollister Ave., Suite 150, Goleta, CA 93117, Telephone Number 805-968-6640;
- San Bernardino National Forest, ATTN: Ruth Wenstrom, 1824 South Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, CA 92408, Telephone Number 909-382-2600. *Note: The Supervisor's Office will be moving to 602 South Tippecanoe Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408. The tentative move date is May 2006.*

Sincerely,

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