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Dear Interested Parties

The Sacramento Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest is requesting your comments on the proposed Two Goats Project. The project would treat vegetation to reduce current high fuel hazards and to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands on approximately 5,350 acres. This project is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. The project is located in Otero County and the legal description is Township 16 South, Range 11 East, Sections 4,5,8,9,16,17,20,21,22, 27,28,29,32,33 and 34; and Township 17 South, Range 11 East, Sections 3, 4 and 5. The north end of the project area is adjacent to private land in the High Rolls Community between West Side Road and Karr Canyon and proceeds south to the Alamo Peak Trail. The proposed action description and maps are available on the Forest website for viewing or download at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln/projects/index.shtml>. Paper copies of the detailed proposed action and associated maps can be obtained upon request from the Sacramento Ranger District, Hwy 82 & Curlew, PO Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88317.

The formal notice and comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice for opportunity to comment in the Alamogordo Daily News, Alamogordo, New Mexico. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the proposed action during the comment period will be eligible as appellants. The names and addresses of those who comment will become part of the public record. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments must be submitted to Donna L. Owens, District Ranger, Hwy 82 & Curlew, PO Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88317, phone (575) 682-2551, fax (575) 682-3394. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), Adobe (.pdf) and hypertext markup language (.html) to: comments-southwestern-lincoln-sacramento@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at the above stated address. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. If you would like additional information about this project please contact Pam Bostwick, Two Goats Project Manager, Sacramento Ranger District, at (575) 682-2551.

Sincerely,

/S/ DONNA L. OWENS

/S/ JANUARY 23, 2009

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District Ranger

Enclosures

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