



Notice of Environmental Assessment/Preferred Alternative

The North Washoe Valley Wildfire Risk Reduction and Ecosystem Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed and was mailed out on to those who have previously requested to be included on the project mailing list or have submitted specific written comments related to the project. The North Washoe preferred alternative proposes to reduce fuel loading and enhance aspen/riparian habitat by thinning conifer trees and removing brush on National Forest Lands in the northwestern portion of Washoe Valley in Washoe County, Nevada. These lands are on the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The Responsible Official for this project is Robert Vaught, Forest Supervisor. A copy of the EA and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from David Loomis, Project Manager, Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89703, 775-884-8132. Additional information is also on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/projects/index.shtml>. Electronic correspondence regarding this project can be directed through comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-carson@fs.fed.us. This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR Part 218 Subpart A and is not subject to the notice, comment, and appeal procedures found in 36 CFR Part 215. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted written comments specific to the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project either during scoping or other public involvement opportunities on an EA (218.6).

The objection must contain at a minimum, a sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection. Incorporation of documents by reference shall not be allowed.

Individuals and organizations filing an objection must also provide the following information (218.7); (1) Objector's name and address, with telephone number if available; (2) signature or other verification of identity upon request (a scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic objections); (3) for objections with multiple names or multiple organizations, identification of the lead Objector is required. Verification of the identity of the lead Objector shall be provided on request; (4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forests(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented.

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer, Jack Troyer, Intermountain Regional Forester at Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401; by fax at: 801-625-5127; or by email at: appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us within 30 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The publication date in the Reno Gazette-Journal, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.