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Dear Interested Volunteer/Partner:

I want to personally thank you for your interest in the recovery and restoration of the Angeles National Forest following the devastating Station Fire and to update you on where we are in the recovery process.

We have completed our assessment of the natural resources and infrastructure damage resulting from the fire. We are not immediately initiating repair and recovery projects at this time, for two reasons. One reason is public safety, due to the extreme danger within the burned areas. A second reason is that we anticipate further damages will occur in the burned area from storms in the coming winter. From a practical standpoint, it is premature to begin projects now that may be damaged or destroyed during the storm season. For these reasons, it will likely be next spring before we can really implement restoration projects.

However, because such a large area of the forest is closed within the burned areas, we anticipate an increase in recreation demand and use in the other areas that remain open. These open areas are in need of projects that could be implemented in the very near future using volunteer and partner services.

We are currently gathering a list of these projects for near-term opportunities. The project list will be a "real-time" list, with projects being added as new opportunities are identified outside the burned area. After the winter storms, we will add restoration projects within the burned area that allow for the safe use of volunteer and partner services. We have put your name on our contact list and will notify you as volunteer/partner opportunities become available.

If you are interested, and have not yet done so, you may want to visit our volunteer web page at www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/ to fill out a Volunteer/Partner information form. The form allows you to describe your skills and interests, and to indicate particular locations or types of projects you would like to help with. It also includes instructions for how to submit the form to our office.

Once again, **thank you** for your support and interest in the recovery and restoration of the Angeles National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jody Noiron
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Forest Supervisor

