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Greetings,

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to establish wildfire fuel breaks and to reduce forest fuel loading by removing trees and shrubs along Big Pines Highway, from the Big Pines Visitor Center northwest to the forest boundary at Mile High Ranch and along Table Mountain road from the Big Pines Visitor Center to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory facility at the top of Table Mountain. The objective of this project is to protect people, property, historic values, and to increase fireline safety for fire fighters.

The 940-acre project area is located on the Santa Clara/Mojave River Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles County, California; T3N, R8W Sections 2, 3, 11 and T4N, R8W Sections 28 - 35. It is the location of 12 special use organizational camps, the proposed Big Pines Historic District, 2 ski resorts, a facility of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the McClellan Flat recreation cabins, the Big Pines Visitor Center and the destination of thousands of forest visitors.

The project will commence in 2004 and will consist of pruning, felling, thinning, and removing dead and live trees, chipping or mastication of brush, and the removal of downed and dead vegetative material around buildings and facilities. For a more detailed description of the Proposed Action, Purpose and Need, and Decision to be made, please refer to the accompanying summary and map.

If you have comments relating to any of the following issues or concerns including threatened, endangered or sensitive species, floodplains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds, Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or National Recreation Areas, Inventoried Roadless Areas, Research Natural Areas and Native American religious or cultural sites, archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas, please provide them with your correspondence. These comments will help determine the level of documentation and disclosure necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Please send any comments regarding this proposal to: Cid Morgan, 30800 Bouquet Canyon Road, Saugus, CA 91390. Cid can also be reached by phone at 661-296-9710 or e-mail at chmorgan@fs.fed.us.

Comments must be received by March 5, 2004.

Sincerely,

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