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Date: April 29, 2008

Dear Interested Citizen,

The enclosed draft memorandum describes a proposal by the Angeles National Forest, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District, to treat hazardous fuels while reestablishing the existing Leona Divide Fuelbreak and enhance the protection of the community of Green Valley by reducing wildland fire behavior characteristics adjacent to the community. Treatments will occur primarily within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Threat Zone. The proposal is located in Los Angeles County, Secs 6, 8-10, 14-17, 20, 22-24, T6N, R14W SBBM.

My preliminary assessment is that this proposal falls within a category of actions listed in the Forest Service NEPA Handbook (FSH) that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and there are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of the category. (FSH 1909.15, Chapter 31.2(6))

This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposal by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of a notice in the Daily News. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: John F. Capell, District Ranger, Attn: Karen Bauman, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District, 28245 Ave. Crocker, Suite 220, Valencia, CA., 91355. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone 661-296-9710 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to jcapell@fs.fed.us. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Capell  
JOHN CAPELL  
District Ranger

