

Eucalyptus Stump Removal Project Proposal

Proposed Project Description

The San Gabriel River Ranger District proposes to remove approximately 170 Eucalyptus stumps on a 10 acre site. The Eucalyptus trees were cut down due to safety concerns after the Padua Fire (see **Figure 1**). The site will then be planted with native tree species such as Canyon Live Oak and other species indigenous to the area. The site is located as follows: the northeast quarter of section 23, T. 1N. R.8W. SBBM (see **Map 1**).

Project Design

Site preparation will include the following activities:

1. Burn in place all slash and other small to medium woody debris that is currently piled on-site.
2. Remove all Eucalyptus stumps by either grinding to 10-12" below ground level or uprooting with heavy equipment. Uprooted stumps will be hauled away to an approved landfill.
3. Once piles are burned and Eucalyptus stumps removed, prepare the site for planting by mixing ash from burned piles into the soil mantle by shallow disking or ripping with heavy equipment.

The project will be carried out by a combination of Forest Service fire crews, contract workers, and volunteers. Fire crews will be responsible for burning brush piles on-site. Stump grinding, pulling and disposal and final site preparation will be carried out via contract. Once site preparation has been completed, native trees will be planted using volunteers.

The Forest would appreciate input into the design of the project before decisions are final. Decisions are likely to be made under authorities for projects to be "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS under NEPA. The Responsible Official for this project is Marty Dumpis, District Ranger. Please send your comments regarding this project by April 28, 2004.

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