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Dear Interested Party,

The Klamath National Forest (KNF) is proposing the Black Rock Restoration Project on the Goosenest Ranger District to restore aspen and meadow communities and reduce fire risk within the Goosenest Late-Successional Reserve (LSR). The KNF is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and we are asking you to provide comment on the proposed project. The proposed action, purpose and need, and maps for the Black Rock Restoration Project are included in this mailing.

The proposed Black Rock Restoration Project is located on the Goosenest Ranger District northwest of Macdoel, California. The legal locations are section 36 in T47N R4W; section 32 in T47N R3W; sections 1, 12–14, 23, and 24 in T46N R4W; and sections 4, 5, 8, 16, 17, 20–24, 28, and 29 in T46N R3W (Mt. Diablo Meridian). The proposed Black Rock Restoration Project involves thinning conifers to 13 trees per acre within 100- to 150-feet of existing aspen, removing encroaching conifers along the edge of defined meadows and historic open areas, and development of Fuel Management Zones along main road corridors to reduce crown fire potential and increase fire fighter safety.

Please call Christy Cheyne at (530) 398-5791 or visit the Klamath National Forest web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/projects/projects/index.shtml> for additional information regarding the proposed action.

Decision To Be Made

Following the preparation of the EA, a decision will be made on whether to implement this proposal, an alternative design, or to not implement any project at this time.

Management Direction

The proposed project lies within a LSR and Riparian Reserves. LSRs were established to protect and enhance conditions of late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems, providing habitat for species such as the northern spotted owl. Riparian Reserves are portions of watersheds where riparian-dependent resources receive primary emphasis. The project area is also within designated critical habitat for the northern spotted owl. The proposed project is consistent with management direction provided by Forest Service planning documents and federal laws.

Requested Input

I am particularly interested in hearing about any issues, which are defined as points of discussion, dispute, or debate about the effects of the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to Christy Cheyne, Goosenest Ranger District, 37805 Highway 97, Macdoel, CA, 96058. Comments may be submitted by fax at 530-398-5749 or by hand-delivery to the address shown above, during normal business hours (Monday–Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic comments, in acceptable [plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc)] formats, may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-klamath-goosenest@fs.fed.us



Input received by February 11, 2009 assures my consideration in the planning of this project. Your comments will be most helpful if focused on project design-specific criteria and resource issues. All input received during project planning is a matter of public record. All names and addresses of participants cannot be kept confidential.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed project and in the management of our National Forests.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures