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Dear Friend:

The enclosed Whittler Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes a proposal to harvest merchantable timber and apply fuel treatments on approximately 755 acres in 12 units known as the Whittler Project. Associated activities include road improvement work on National Forest system roads. The No Action Alternative was also analyzed in detail. I currently favor the proposed action (Alternative 1). The project is located approximately three miles south and seven miles southwest of the community of Callahan, California, in the South Fork-French watershed.

Additional information and an electronic copy of the EA can be found on our Forest Web Site:
www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/projects/projects/whittler/

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Siskiyou Daily News. Comments may be submitted to Forest Supervisor Margaret J. Boland, Klamath National Forest, c/o ACT2, 63822 Hwy 96, PO Box 377, Happy Camp, CA 96039, Attn: Annie Buma or Judy Hahn. Their telephone numbers are (530) 493-1725 or 1721. Comments may be submitted by fax at (530) 493-1775 or by hand-delivery to the addresses shown above during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Electronic comments, in acceptable formats [plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc)], may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-klamath-scott-river@fs.fed.us. Names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action, and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215.

Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

For clarification purposes, the Whittler Project contains some trees that have been marked within unit boundaries for previous planning efforts that are no longer under consideration. Tree marking for Whittler would be conducted for specific prescriptions, as described in the EA.

The following changes were made to the proposed action after the scoping letter was issued:



--Prescriptions for Unit 37 were listed as Single Tree Selection and Shelterwood. The corrected prescriptions for Unit 37 are Single Tree Selection and Sanitation.

--Prescriptions for Unit 61 were listed as Commercial Thin, Sanitation, and Shelterwood. The corrected prescriptions for Unit 61 are Single Tree Selection and Sanitation.

--Prescription for Unit 62 was listed as Single Tree Selection. The corrected prescriptions for Unit 62 are Commercial Thin, Single Tree Selection and Shelterwood. There is also a correction of acres for Unit 62. Original size of 39 acres has been corrected to be 34 acres.

Further information on the EA can be obtained from Annie Buma or Judy Hahn at the address indicated in paragraph two or by calling (530) 493-1725 or 1721.

Sincerely,

/s/ Margaret J. Boland
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure