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Dear Interested Parties:

The Lassen National Forest has completed the Monitoring and Evaluation Report for fiscal year 1999. The report summarizes the results of monitoring activities from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. It also documents recommendations based on the results of the monitoring review.

The Monitoring Report documents to Forest employees and the public how well the Forest Plan is being implemented, and provides an indication of short-term trends on the Lassen National Forest. Both quantitative Forest Plan objectives and actual outputs are shown where appropriate.

I concur with the recommendations of the interdisciplinary team found on pages 66 to 73 of the Monitoring and Evaluation Report. Sections 1 through 3 of the action plan will be implemented in concert with new monitoring requirements from both the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act EIS and the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment EIS.

In October 2000, the process to amend the Lassen Resource Management Plan to provide long-term management direction relative to the HFQLG Act will be initiated. The Sierra Nevada Framework for Conservation and Collaboration will also amend the Lassen Plan and a decision for the Framework is expected by January 2001.

Comments received on this report will be considered in future reports. This report, along with the Lassen's quarterly Schedule of Proposed actions can be accessed on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/lassen/management.htm> . I appreciate your interest in the management of the Lassen National Forest.

Sincerely,

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