

Legal Notice For Comment
Public Input Requested
For The
Trinity Roadside Hazard Removal Project

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest (Forest) is requesting your comments during the public scoping period for the *Trinity Roadside Hazard Removal Project*. The proposed action is designed to reduce threats to public safety by removing dead trees, created by wildfires, along roads open to public travel. The road segments identified in this proposal are within the perimeters of the Lime, Wallow, Trough, Telephone, Eagle, and Cedar wildfires and have been identified as having concentrations of fire mortality which threaten safe use of travelways. Without management action, the probability of injury or closure of the roadways will continue to increase over time.

The Forest is also proposing to expand and/or maintain strategically located control lines in key areas along existing roads within the fire boundaries. These improved control lines would provide relatively safe and effective areas for managing future fires, both wildland and prescribed. These control lines were established along existing roads during fire suppression efforts in the 2007 and 2008 fire seasons. These are places where understory vegetation and surface fuels were removed and counter-firing operations initiated.

Your Involvement

You are invited to participate in the NEPA analysis for this project by providing written comments during this public scoping period. If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of or feel you have issues (points of dispute, debate, or disagreement) regarding potential effects of this proposed action, please send your comments in writing to the address listed at the close of this letter.

Project details are available online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/projects/hq-projects.shtml>.

Purpose and Need for Action / Proposed Action

In summary this project proposes to ensure public and forest worker safety and reduce fuel loading and improve fire suppression/control on key travelways. This project proposes to do this by removing hazardous trees that are within approximately 150 feet of the centerline of Forest system roads and by expanding and/or maintaining strategically located control lines in key areas along existing roads within the fire boundaries.

Decision to be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, implement an alternative action that meets the purpose and need or take no action.

Where to Send Comments

Comments may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or U.S. Mail to: Cristi Corey-Luse, TEAMS USFS Enterprise Unit, Northern Research Station, 5985 Highway K, Rhinelander, WI 54501; Fax: 715-362-1166. Electronic comments may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-shasta-trinity@fs.fed.us, please indicate "Roadside Hazard" in the subject line.



You must respond to this invitation in order to be placed on the public involvement list for this project and to receive any further project notifications. All parties responding to this initial scoping that include sufficient contact information will be notified of the 30-day comment opportunity prior to a decision.

To ensure that your issues can be fully considered by the interdisciplinary team and the Responsible Official, please submit comments by March 2, 2009.

We appreciate your interest in the management of our public lands and look forward to hearing from you.

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