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The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Salt Timber Harvest and Fuel Hazard Reduction project is available for review at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest's web site:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/projects/>

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the effects of implementing three alternatives within the Salt Creek watershed in Trinity County, 10 air miles south of Hayfork, California and 3 air miles east of Post Mountain, California.<sup>1</sup> The project is within the Hayfork Adaptive Management Area (AMA), on the South Fork Management Unit of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The four objectives of this project include:

- 1) **Improve forest health and resiliency** – Thinning overstocked stands to healthier, more resistant, stocking levels and regenerating acres not meeting growth and yield potential
- 2) **Reduce hazardous fuels conditions to reduce the potential for adverse impacts from wildfire to the National Forest and neighboring land** – Reduce crown fire potential and flame lengths
- 3) **Provide timber products to help support the economic structure of local communities and supply regional and national needs**

Alternative 1 is the no action alternative. Alternative 2 is the proposed action and would treat approximately 1,619 acres. Alternative 3 is an alternative to the proposed action developed in response to scoping and it would treat approximately 1,415 acres with retention of 60% canopy closure in the thinning units.

Analysis shows that Alternative 1 does not meet the purpose and need or the objectives for this project. Alternative 2 meets the purpose and need to a greater degree than Alternative 3.

Alternative 2 and 3 are not expected to have significant negative impacts on issues identified through scoping. Preliminary analysis shows all issues could be resolved through project design or the use of common mitigation measures.

<sup>1</sup> Includes treatment areas in T29N, R11W sections 4-9, T29N, R12W sections 1, 2 and 12, T30N, R11W sections 31 and 32, and T30N, R12W sections 25, 26, 35, and 36 M.D.M.



Comments may be submitted by e-mail, U.S. Mail or hand delivered as described below. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful in the preparation of the final EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate your concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect your ability to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review. Comments are a matter of public record and as such may be provided to interested parties upon request.

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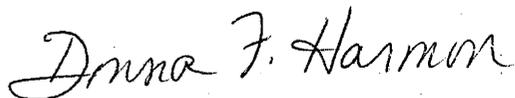
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**Date Comments Must Be Received:** The opportunity to comment ends 45 days after publication of the notice of availability (NOA) in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service TEAMS Enterprise Unit is working closely with the Hayfork Ranger District to assist in planning and analysis for this project, thus the Montana comment mailing address. Your comments may also be **hand delivered** to the Hayfork Ranger District office.

If you have questions or would like additional information about this project please call Sandy Mack, Team Leader, at 406-375-2638, or me.

Thank you for your interest in the project.



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