

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
Soldier Creek Healthy Forest Restoration (22657)

Stanislaus National Forest
Groveland Ranger District
Tuolumne County and Mariposa County, CA

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Soldier Creek Healthy Forest Restoration project is available for review at the Groveland Ranger District; 24545 Highway 120; Groveland, CA 95321 [(209) 962-7825].

As the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Susan Skalski intends to prepare a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) selecting the proposed action. It includes reduction of surface and ladder fuels on 2,600 acres through thinning, mastication, machine piling, pile burning, and underburning. The proposed project is located in the general area bounded by Crocker Ridge, the South Fork Tuolumne River, Yosemite National Park and Hazel Green Ranch.

This proposed healthy forest restoration project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218. It is not subject to the notice, comment, and appeal procedures found at 36 CFR 215 (36 CFR 218.3). Only those individuals and organizations who previously submitted written comments specific to this project, during scoping or other opportunity for public comment, have standing to file an objection (36 CFR 218.6(a)).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Reviewing Officer (36 CFR 218.7) within 30 days from the publication date of this notice in the Union Democrat. Notices of objection must meet the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 218.7. Incorporation of documents by reference shall not be allowed (36 CFR 218.7 (c)). The publication date of this notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time period to file an objection (36 CFR 218.9(a)). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Objections must be submitted to Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted by FAX [707-562-9091] or by hand-delivery to the Regional Office, at the address shown above, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in acceptable [plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc)] formats, may be submitted to appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with **Subject: Soldier Creek**. When an objection is electronically mailed, the objector should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgment from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the objector does not receive an automated acknowledgment of the receipt of the objection, it is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means (36 CFR 218.9(c)).

The Responsible Official may not issue a decision for this healthy forest restoration project until the Reviewing Officer has responded to all pending objections. When no objections are filed within the 30-day time period, the decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth business day following the end of the objection-filing period.

For additional information, contact Jason Jimenez at the Groveland Ranger District; 24545 Highway 120; Groveland, CA 95321 [(209) 962-7825 ext. 542].