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RE: Diamond Lake Restoration Project DEIS

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Diamond Lake Restoration Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS examines a No Action alternative and three action alternatives for improving the water quality and recreational fishery at Diamond Lake. Actions include: canal reconstruction, lake draw down, mechanical fish removal and utilization, a September rotenone (fish toxicant) treatment to eradicate tui chub, fish carcass removal/use, monitoring, education, and fish stocking. Alternative 3 has been identified as the preferred alternative.

Additional copies of the DEIS are available for review at the Diamond Lake Ranger District in Toketee, Oregon (open from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.); at the North Umpqua Ranger District in Glide, Oregon (open from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.); and at the Supervisor's Office in Roseburg, Oregon (open from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.). The DEIS is also available on the internet at www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua. The appendices are contained in the CD-ROM that accompanies this document; paper copies are available upon request.

Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their comments during the review period for the DEIS. The 45-day public review and comment period will begin on April 2, 2004, with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Written comments must be received by May 17, 2004. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR §215.6(a)(3). Comments should be addressed to the Diamond Lake Restoration Project Interdisciplinary Team, 18782 North Umpqua Highway, Glide, OR 97443. Electronic comments may also be sent to: comments-pacificnorthwest-umpqua-diamondlake@fs.fed.us. Only those people who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. For appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

I want to encourage you to review and comment on this DEIS. Your interest in the management of the Umpqua National Forest is appreciated. If you have questions regarding this project, please contact Sherri Chambers, team leader, at 541-496-3532. Thank you for your continued interest in the Diamond Lake Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

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