Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (DEIS), National Forest Land Management Planning [ x ] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: USDA Forest Service [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: SCIENCE REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND MANAGEMENT

Purpose of Report: Reviewers were asked to evaluate overall scientific caliber, discussion of uncertainty, and identify any missing information.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [ X] Individual Reviewers [ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):


Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [ x ] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Restoration and resilience, watershed and water protection, diversity of plant and animal communities, sustainable use of public lands to support vibrant communities, forest threats, and monitoring.

Reviewers selected by: [ ] Agency [ x ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name: RESOLVE http://www.resolv.org

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ x ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: A Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment was published in the Federal Register (Vol. 76. No. 30/February 14, 2011)/ Comment was requested by May 17, 2011. The Science Consistency Report was posted on the Planning Rule Website on 4/21/2011 and was available for public comment at that time.

When: DEIS public comment period 02/14/2011 to 05/17/2011, Scientists’ reviews 04/21/2011 to 05/17/2011

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [ x ] No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [ x] No

Other: Independent contractor was charged with identifying reviewers and coordinating the review.