



File Code: 1950
Date: September 29, 2016

Dear Interested Citizen,

As the Responsible Official, I have prepared a draft Decision Notice/Finding of No significant Impact (DN/FONSI) selecting Alternative 3, the modified seasonal closure for the Deer Valley 4wd meadow Restoration and Meadow Lake Road Maintenance (EA). The implementation of this decision will re-open routes 19E01 and 09N01 to public motorized wheeled vehicles and complete important meadow restoration and road maintenance activities. The proposed project area is located between the areas of Meadow Lake and Lower Blue Lake along Meadow Lake Road (9N01), Section 30, 25, and 26 T.9 N., R 18 E., M.D.B.&M. and along Deer Valley 4wd trail (19E01), Section 5, T.8 N., R 19 E., M.D.B.&M. This project proposes activities including streambank restoration, trail hardening, a trail reroute on the Deer Valley 4wd trail, and road maintenance activities along Meadow Lakes Road. In addition, the project would implement a Forest Order prohibiting wheeled vehicle travel on 19E01 an 9N01 for six weeks following documented snow melt at the Blue Lakes snow gauge station to protect Threatened and Endangered species including Yosemite toads and Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged frogs.

Copies of the EA and draft DN/FONSI are available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45439 or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects>. To obtain a hard copy of the EA, please contact Matt Brown, IDT Leader, 530-647-5390 or mrbrown@fs.fed.us.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in the Mountain Democrat. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest; Attn: Deer Valley 4wd trail and Meadow Lake road; 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 621-5206. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (530 621-5297), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in



common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-eldorado@fs.fed.us with Subject: Deer Valley 4wd Trail and Blue Lakes/Meadow Lake Road

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Documents may be incorporated by reference only, as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

If no objection is filed on this project a Decision Notice may be issued on, but not before, the fifth business day following the close of the objection filing period (36 CFR 218.21). If an objection to this decision is filed in accordance with 36 CFR 218.26, then this Decision Notice may not be signed until all concerns, and all instructions from the reviewing official in the objection response, have been addressed (36 CFR 218.12 (b)).

After this Decision Notice is signed, implementation may begin immediately.

CONTACT

For additional information concerning this decision, contact: Matt Brown, Placerville Ranger District, 4260 Eight Mile Road, CA 95709, Phone: (530) 647-5390 or Email: [mrbrown@fs.fed.us](mailto: mrbrown@fs.fed.us).



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