

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Oil and Gas Leasing Los Padres National Forest

Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties,
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ABSTRACT

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) documents the analysis of the potential effects of implementing each of eight alternative leasing scenarios for management of the Federal oil and gas estate on lands administered by Los Padres National Forest in Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties, California. The FEIS documents the existing condition of the environmental resources in and around areas being considered for leasing and the potential impacts to those resources as a result of implementing the alternatives. The alternatives considered in detail are: (1) No Action -No New Leasing; (2) Emphasize Oil & Gas Development; (3) Meet Forest Plan Direction; (4) Emphasize Surface Resources; (4a) Alternative 4 With Roadless Area Emphasis; (5) Combination of Alternatives 3 & 4; (5a) Alternative 5 With Roadless Area Emphasis; and the New Preferred Alternative, a combination of alternatives 1 and 5a.

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