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Subject: Proposed Pine Mt. Recreation Area Project

Dear Planning Participant:

The Mount Pinos Ranger District is proposing the Pine Mt. Recreation Area Project. The project is located approximately 6 miles east of Highway 33 along Pine Mountain Road. The project area includes Pine Mt. and Reyes Peak Campgrounds and trailhead parking areas for Reyes Peak, Boulder Canyon, Raspberry Springs and Chorro Grande trails. The legal location is Ventura County, T6N, R23 W, Sections 3 to 5. The project is approximately 210 acres in size.

The purpose of this project is to protect old growth pine stands, maintain a healthy forest ecosystem, reduce the risk of mortality due to insects, disease, and reduce the potential of catastrophic fire in high value recreation areas. The proposed treatments would reduce overcrowding of trees, remove ladder and ground fuels to create, and create a desired condition of a naturally healthy Jeffery pine forest ecosystem with a low fire hazard. See the attached detailed description of the proposed treatments and a project location map.

No new roads would be built. Large trees would be retained for visual, screening and shade objectives. To control root rot disease, annosus (*Heterobasidium annosum*), Borax would be applied to freshly cut conifer stumps (*presently registered as SPORAX*).

Your comments, suggestions, or concerns relative to this project are requested and will help us with analysis and project development. Your comments should be submitted by **July 6, 2005** to be most useful in the environmental analysis. Comments should be addressed to:

Project Leader  
Pine Mt. Recreation Area Project  
Mt. Pinos Ranger District  
34580 Lockwood Valley Road  
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or FAX 661 245-1526 or EMAIL: [comments-pacificsouthwest-los-padres-mt-pinos@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-los-padres-mt-pinos@fs.fed.us)

This proposed project is currently being analyzed as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) and a Decision Memo is expected in the next 60 days. Public comments would be considered in any decision to be made; however, under the Categorical Exclusion process there is no administrative appeal process under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 218.

For further information about the Pine Mt. Recreation Area Project please contact John Kelly, District Resources Officer, at (661) 245-3731.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. KELLY  
Acting District Ranger

Enclosure: Pine Mt. Recreation Area Project proposed action and map.



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