



Los Padres National Forest ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The purpose of the "Environmental Newsletter" is to encourage public input to ongoing environmental analyses and provide notification of completed analyses in Los Padres National Forest. It is intended to compliment public involvement efforts initiated by the Forest Supervisor or District Rangers for specific projects.

The newsletter includes the name, a brief explanation and location of each project, and the responsible Forest Service office. For those analyses in the "scoping" phase, a more detailed description is given; thereafter, you will find an abbreviated description followed by the date the project was first addressed in the newsletter. The analyses are listed by county and by categories which correspond to the environmental analysis process:

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped

This category includes analyses for which public input is being or is about to be solicited.

Environmental Analyses Completed

This section includes those analyses which, in keeping with new federal appeals regulations, have been "categorically excluded" from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and which have culminated in the preparation of a "Decision Memo". In the "Decision Memo", the responsible forest officer records and explains his/her decision to exclude a proposed action from documentation in an EA or EIS.

Environmental Analyses Documented

Recently completed EA's and Draft and Final EIS's are described in this section.

Environmental Analyses in Progress

This category includes projects currently under study.

For further information regarding any of the environmental analyses described in this newsletter or for copies of available documents, please contact the office indicated under the project description. Addresses and telephone numbers are listed at the end of the newsletter. For information on the environmental

MONTEREY COUNTY

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped

Optical Interferometer in Vicinity of Anderson Peak. U.S. Naval Observatory proposal to place an electronic amplification (navigational) device along the north Coast Ridge Road, north of Anderson Peak. The Navy will be preparing the EA, and will probably begin public scoping in late November or early December. T.20 S., R.3 E., MDM. Monterey Ranger District.

Pacific Unified School District Junior-Senior High School. Study to determine location of permanent school structures somewhere along Big Sur Coast between the Monterey/San Luis Obispo county line and Burnes Creek. T.23 S., R.5 E., Section 19, MDM. Monterey Ranger District.

Environmental Analyses Completed	<i>None.</i>
Environmental Analyses Documented	<i>None.</i>
Environmental Analyses In Progress	<i>None.</i>

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped

Big Rocks Fuels Management Plan. Analysis to determine appropriate treatment of 29,000 acres located north and east of Twitchell Reservoir, in T.32 S., R.16 and 17 E., MDM. Scoping letters will be sent out in late fall or early winter. Santa Lucia Ranger District - July, 1989 Newsletter.

Environmental Analyses Completed *None.*

Environmental Analyses Documented

West Cuesta Rehabilitation. A decision to rehabilitate and protect 4 miles of roads and trails from erosion damage, including signing and barricading, was signed by the District Ranger on September 8, 1989. The project includes abandoned mining roads, the road to Cerro Alto Lookout, a jeep trail which accesses the fuelbreak, and unauthorized off-road vehicle trails on West Cuesta Ridge. Santa Lucia Ranger District - July, 1989 Newsletter.

Environmental Analyses in Progress

Cuesta and Tassajera Peak Electronic Site Management Plans. Determination of how the sites will be managed, including boundaries, administration of present facilities, and potential for future development. West Cuesta Ridge in T.29 S., R.12 E., Sections 29 and 35, MDM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - May, 1989 Newsletter.

Buena Vista Mines Proposed Plan of Operations. Proposal to collect mineral samples near Pozo Summit using 3" diameter holes drilled to a depth of less than 50 feet. T.30 S., R.16 E., Sections 5 and 6, MDM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1989 Newsletter.

San Luis Obispo County Trails Master Plan. Analysis of opportunities for trail development on National Forest lands in San Luis Obispo County. A separate EA will be prepared for the West Cuesta Area, Central Area, Pozo/La Panza Area, and Rockfront Area. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

Navajo Prescribed Burn. Analysis to determine appropriate treatment for 1700 acres within the La Panza Fuel Management Block. T.29 S., R.16 E., Sections 20 and 21, MDM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

Garcin Land Exchange. Proposal to consolidate land ownership by exchanging parcels of privately-owned land for nearby National Forest land in vicinity of Highway 166. T.12 N., R.30 and 31 W., SBBM., T.32 S., R.17 E., MDM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped

Santa Cruz Vegetation Management Project. Vegetation management project within the Santa Cruz Watershed, encompassing about 15,000 acres northeast of Lake Cachuma between Happy Canyon and Santa Cruz Creek. Written comments should be submitted to the District Ranger by close of business December 15, 1989. Santa Barbara Ranger District - September, 1989 Newsletter.

GTE Telephone Line. Analysis will address a proposal by GTE California, Inc., to construct a buried telephone line along 2.2 miles of National Forest land within the existing right-of-way of Highway 166. T.32 S., R.17 & 18 E., MBM. Comments should be submitted to the District Ranger by November 20, 1989. Santa Lucia Ranger District.

All American Telephone and Powerline Project. All American Pipeline Company has applied for a permit to install a buried telephone and power line across 1.6 miles of National Forest land in order to operate an automatic shut-off valve on their existing 30" oil pipeline. Cables would be buried in the existing right-of-way of Sierra Madre Road. T.32 S., R.18 E., MDM and T.12 N., R.30W, SBBM. Comments should be submitted to the District Ranger by November 20, 1989. Santa Lucia Ranger District.

Environmental Analyses Completed *None.*

Environmental Analyses Documented

Divide Peak OHV Proposal. Analysis of the environmental impacts of providing for a moderate increase in the level of off-highway vehicle use on the Divide Peak OHV route, including the construction of a small rustic parking area, an access trail to a campground and an evaluation of existing use on the ridge route. A Decision Notice was signed by the District Ranger on October 25, 1989. Alternative B, a "Minimal OHV Development" alternative was selected. Santa Barbara Ranger District - June, 1988 Newsletter.

Environmental Analyses in Progress

Southern California Edison 66kv Powerline. Proposal to construct a 19.3 mile, 66 kv transmission line between Goleta and Gaviota including a small segment on National Forest land. Joint study with Santa Barbara County Department of Resource Management. Draft Environmental Impact Report (State document) should be completed sometime in December. Santa Barbara Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

Falls Trail Reroute. Feasibility of re-routing the Falls Trail in the San Rafael Wilderness. T.7 and 8 N., R.27 W., SBBM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - May, 1989 Newsletter.

Garcin Land Exchange. Proposal to consolidate land ownership by exchanging parcels of private land for nearby National Forest land in the vicinity of Highway 166. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

Sisquoc Ranch Prescribed Burn. Proposal to prescribe burn 13,168 acres of private land and 1,386 acres of National Forest land, south of Manzanita Mountain. T.9 N., R.30 and 31 W., SBBM. Santa Lucia Ranger District - March, 1989 Newsletter.

KERN COUNTY

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped	None.
Environmental Analyses Completed	None.
Environmental Analyses Documented	None.
Environmental Analyses in Progress	None.

VENTURA COUNTY

Environmental Analyses Being Scoped	None.
Environmental Analyses Completed	

Intiso Mineral Exploration. A Decision Memo was signed October 17, 1989, approving 5 mineral exploration holes approximately 3 feet square by 3-6 feet deep to be dug in a dry drainage off of Lockwood Valley Road. T.8 N., R.22 W., Section 35, SBBM. Mount Pinos Ranger District.

Environmental Analyses Documented

Green Cabins Trail Proposal. Proposal to re-open access to the Green Cabins area. A Decision Notice was signed by the District Ranger on November 1, 1989. The Green Cabins Trail will be opened for a period of 3 years during which time the Forest Service will attempt to obtain an easement through the corridor of Lower Sespe Creek or relocate the trail around private land. Ojai Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

Environmental Analyses in Progress

Snowy Creek Trail Re-route. Proposal to relocate the Snowy Creek Trail in conjunction with a wildlife habitat enhancement project in the Smiths Fork area. T.7 N., R.19 W., Section 10, SBBM. Mount Pinos Ranger District - July, 1989 Newsletter.

Pine Mountain Forest Management. Proposal to thin and replant selected stands between Pine Mountain and Reyes Peak campgrounds which are overstocked and infected by dwarf mistletoe. T.6 N., R.23 W., SBBM. Ojai Ranger District - May, 1989 Newsletter.

Lions Campground Streambank Stabilization. Proposal to extend existing gabion to curtail streambank erosion. T.6 N., R.22 W., SBBM. Ojai Ranger District - May, 1989 Newsletter.

Recreational Shooting Policy Review. District-wide review of existing shooting patterns and closures to determine if changes should be made, with focus on Highway 33 corridor. Ojai Ranger District - May, 1989 Newsletter.

Pratt Trailhead Design. Development and selection of a design alternative for the existing Pratt trailhead with a focus on providing more appropriate parking facilities. T.4 N., R.23 W., SBBM. Ojai Ranger District - October, 1988 Newsletter.

Rose Valley Road Easement. Proposed easement for existing road extending from the Rose Valley Lower Lake to private land. Ojai Ranger District - March, 1988 Newsletter.

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