



Los Padres National Forest Schedule of Proposed Environmental Actions

April - June, 1997

DEAR FRIEND...

The purpose of the "Schedule of Proposed Environmental Actions" (formerly the Environmental Newsletter) is to provide you with an overview of environmental analyses currently in progress or recently completed in Los Padres National Forest pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It is our hope that this information will help you become involved early in the decision-making process for those projects which might interest or affect you.

The Schedule is issued quarterly (January, April, July, October). Projects are listed by county and by the categories described below. Each project description includes a brief explanation and location, the current status of the project, the estimated decision date, and the name of the project leader.

For further information regarding specific projects, opportunities for participation, or the availability of documents, please contact the appropriate project leader at the Forest Service office listed under each project. For general information on the environmental analysis process, contact NEPA Coordinator, Jim Turner, in the Forest Supervisor's Office. For all other matters regarding the Schedule, contact Kathy Good in the Public Affairs Office.

Analyses Being Scoped

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

Analyses Completed

This category includes projects which 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.

Analyses Documented

This category addresses recently completed EA's and Draft and Final EIS's.

Analyses in Progress

This section includes projects currently under analysis.

FORESTWIDE

Analyses in Progress

Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis. Forestwide environmental analysis to identify lands which should or should not be made available for oil and gas leasing. The decisions made as

a result of this forestwide analysis will not result in on-the-ground activities. Any exploration, drilling or field development which might be proposed following the forestwide study would require further environmental analysis and separate site-specific decisions. Draft EIS expected by October, 1997. Estimated decision date: May, 1998. Contact: Al Hess, O&G Team Leader, Forest Supervisor's Office.

MONTEREY COUNTY

Analyses Being Scoped None.
Analyses Completed None.
Analyses Documented None.
Analyses In Progress

Pfeiffer Beach. Proposal to rehabilitate the existing day use facility. Includes Sycamore Canyon Road Transportation Study. T.19S., R.1E., Section 35, MDB&M. Estimated decision date: June, 1997. Contact: William Metz, Recreation Officer, Monterey District.

Analyses Postponed

Indians West Unauthorized Road Use. Monterey District.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Analyses Being Scoped None.

Navajo Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Analysis of authorization of permitted livestock grazing. Proposal includes 125 yearling cattle for about 4 months. T.28S., R.16E., Sections 20 and 21, MDB&M. Scoping closes April 26. Estimated decision date: June 30, 1997. Contact: Melody Fountain, Resource Officer, Santa Lucia Ranger District.

Ragged Point Inn. Special Use Permit application (outfitter/guide). Proposal is to conduct horseback trail rides on National Forest System lands easterly of Ragged Point Inn. T.25S., R.6E., Sections 4, 5 & 9, MDB&M. Estimated decision date: June, 1997. Contact: William Metz, Recreation Officer, Monterey District..

Analyses Completed None.
Analyses Documented None.
Analyses in Progress None.
Analyses Postponed

Big and Little Falls Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Proposal to analyze grazing permit re-issuance for the Big and Little Falls Allotment. T.30S., R.14E., Sections 28-33, MDB&M.

Contact: Melody Fountain, Resource Officer, Santa Lucia District

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Analyses Being Scoped

Winchester Gun Club. Proposal to renew an existing use with a 10 year special use permit for a target range. T.5N., R.28W., Section 19 and T.5N., R.29W., Section 24, SBBM. Estimated decision date: unknown. Contact: Marian Kadota, Lands Officer, Santa Barbara District.

Analyses Completed

None.

Analyses Documented

Los Prietos Boys Camp/Boot Camp. An Environmental Assessment /Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been completed for the proposal to add a Boot Camp program at the Los Prietos Boys Camp. The Boot Camp was approved and the Special Use Permit amended to allow this additional use. T.5N., R.28W., Section 2, SBBM. Contact: Marian Kadota, Lands Officer, Santa Barbara District.

Analyses in Progress

Camp Cielo aka Circle V Ranch. Proposal to issue a new twenty year special use permit to an existing organization camp due to a change in ownership. T.6N., R.29W., Section 32, SBBM. Estimated decision date: unknown. Contact: John Bridgwater, Resource Officer, Santa Barbara District.

Sierra Madre Spring Restoration. Proposal to protect six springs (Oak, Montgomery 1&2, Cherry Orchard, Pine Corral and Black Willow) in the Sierra Madre Ridge area from cattle and human impacts. Water would be piped or pumped to off-site locations to maintain water sources for cattle, equestrians and hikers. T.8N., R.26W., Section 22, and T.9N., R.27W., Sections 22, 27 and 36, SBBM. Scoping will begin during the summer of 1997. Estimated decision date: August, 1997. Contact: Mike Foster, Resource Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Broadcast Peak Communications Site Plan. This site management plan would delineate site boundaries, determine the kinds of uses which are (or would be) appropriate to the site, and identify any areas that could be developed. The plan would also address the technical specifications and management requirements for existing and new facilities that might be constructed. T.5N., R.29W., Section 7, SBBM (Santa Barbara District). Estimated decision date: unknown. Contact: Dennis Cooper, Santa Lucia District.

Analyses Postponed

Happy Canyon Range Allotment Management Plan. Santa Barbara District.

KERN COUNTY

Analyses Being Scoped

None.

Analyses Completed

None.

Analyses Documented

None.

Analyses in Progress

Mt. Pinos Winter Parking Improvement. Proposal to redesign and expand recreational parking facilities within the Mt. Pinos Winter Sports Area. The project would involve the construction of new parking lots, redesign of existing parking lots, and an increase in roadside parking and sanitation and solid waste disposal sites. T.9N., R.21W., Sections 33-36 and 26; T.8N., R.21W., Sections 3-5, 8 and 9; T.9N., R.20W., Section 32, SBBM. The revised Environmental Assessment was issued on September 3, 1996. The public comment period closed on October 4. Estimated decision date: summer of 1997. Contact: Don Trammell, Recreation Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Analyses Postponed

Cuddy Range Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Mt. Pinos District.

VENTURA COUNTY

Analyses Being Scoped

Grade Valley Habitat Restoration. Proposal to construct a livestock enclosure in the Piru Allotment to protect a sensitive riparian area in the headwaters of Piru Creek. T.6N., R.21W., Section 4, SBBM. Scoping will occur in April and May, 1997. Estimate decision date: June, 1997. Contact: Mike Foster, Resource Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Reyes Creek Habitat Enhancement. Proposal to improve trout habitat along portions of lower Reyes Creek in the area adjacent to Reyes Creek campground. T.7N., R.23W., Sections 21 and 22, SBBM. Scoping will occur in April and May, 1997. Estimated decision date: June, 1997. Contact: Mike Foster, Resource Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Analyses Completed

None.

Analyses Documented

Sespe Wilderness Trailheads. In a Decision Notice signed on February 18, 1997, the District Ranger approved a proposal to improve or construct trailheads for the Sespe Wilderness at Lion Campground, Dough Flat, Reyes Peak, Sewart Mountain, Mutau Flat and Cedar Creek/Fishbowls. Contact: Leslie Jehnings, Recreation Planner, Ojai District

Analyses in Progress

Sespe Trail Reroute. Proposal to relocate approximately 1 mile of the trail in the Bear Creek area to reduce the number of stream crossings, aid public safety, and avoid a large natural landslide covering the trail in this area. T.6N., R.21W., Section 34 and T.5N., R.21W., Sections 4 and 5, SBBM. Estimated decision date: April 4, 1997. Contact: Charlie Robinson, Recreation Officer, Ojai District.

Highway 33 Disposal Sites. Proposal by Caltrans to establish longterm seasonal disposal sites at different locations along Highway 33 (Ojai and Mount Pinos Districts). The disposal sites must accommodate approximately 600,000 yards of slide and slough material over a ten year period. Joint

NEPA/CEQA document. Estimated decision date: July, 1997. Contact: Larry Hornberger, Forest Engineer, Forest Supervisor's Office.

Ojai Valley Gun Club. Proposal to renew the existing special use permit for the club's facilities in Rose Valley (Ojai District). T.5N., R.22W., Section 4, SBBM. Estimated decision date: unknown. Contact: Marian Kadota, Lands Officer, Santa Barbara District.

Piru Creek Mining Activities. Analysis to determine whether to approve Plans of Operation for mining activities along Piru Creek from Pyramid Lake to Lockwood Flats including but not limited to dredging, panning, sluicing, and high banking. Resources potentially affected include archeological sites, water quality and four sensitive wildlife. Piru Creek is presently being studied for Wild and Scenic River nomination. Estimated release of draft EIS: summer, 1997. Contact: Mike Foster, Resource Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Badlands OHV Trail. Analysis of potential routes to connect off-highway vehicle use areas from Grade Valley Road to Ballinger Canyon. Analysis will also evaluate selected routes to serve as a replacement for the Toad Springs OHV trail. T.7N., R.21W., Sections 4-6; T.7N., R.22W., Sections 6, 7; T.7N., R.23W., Sections 1, 11, 12; T.8N., R.21W., Sections 30-32; T.8N., R.22W., Sections 19, 25-36; T.8N., R.23W., Sections 5-7, 15-18, 22-26, 35-36; T.9N., R.23W., Sections 28-29, 32-33; T.9N., R.23W., Sections 7, 14-29; T.9N., R.24W., Sections 6-13, 21-27, 35-36, SBBM. Estimated decision date: July, 1997. Contact: Don Trammell, Recreation Officer, Mount Pinos District.

Analyses Postponed

Coyote Range Allotment Water Development. Ojai District.

Deer Park Range Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Mount Pinos District.

Sisar Range Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Ojai District.

Rice/Wills Range Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Ojai District.

Quatal Range Allotment Permit Re-issuance. Mt. Pinos District.

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