

LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIS EDDY GULCH LSR FUELS / HABITAT PROTECTION PROJECT

The Klamath National Forest is pleased to announce the July 17, 2009, availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS) for the Eddy Gulch Late-Successional Reserve Fuels / Habitat Protection Project. The draft EIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, National Forest Management Act of 1976, and Klamath National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The project has been designed in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Salmon River Fire Safe Council, and area residents. This project has been developed under the 2003 Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), and the Proposed Action is based, in part, on recommendations contained in the Salmon River Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The draft EIS is available in Portable Document Format (pdf) and can be downloaded from the project website at <http://www.eddylsrproject.com>. A hard copy of the draft EIS will be available at the public libraries in Etna, Fort Jones, and Yreka, CA.

Open Houses: The Klamath National Forest will be hosting two open houses. The purpose of the open houses is to clarify the project and answer questions from the public.

- August 20, 2009, 4:00–6:00 pm, in Sawyers Bar, California, at the office of the Salmon River Restoration and Fire Safe Councils.
- August 25, 2009, 5:00–7:00 pm, in Fort Jones, California, at the office of the Salmon River and Scott River Ranger Districts.

Written Comments: Written comments on the draft EIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. Include your full name and address when submitting comments, and please submit comments in Microsoft Word format.

You may submit comments by the following methods:

- **E-mail:** eddylsr@redinc.com. Please indicate “Eddy Gulch LSR Project” on the subject line of your email.
- **Mail:** RED, Inc. Communications, Attn: Eddy Gulch LSR Project, PO Box 3067, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.

Copies of written comments, including names and addresses of recipients, will be available for public review on the project website (<http://www.eddylsrproject.com>) or at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA.

Comments should be specific and address the adequacy of the statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3). All written and electronic comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and may be published as part of the final EIS. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to object as part of the pre-decisional review process authorized under the HFRA (Section 105 (a)(3) and 36 CFR 218.6 Subpart A). Only those who submit timely, specific written comments will have standing to object as part of the pre-decisional review process authorized under the HFRA (refer to 36 CFR 218.6 Subpart A). Each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Additional Information: Please contact Connie Hendryx (530-468-1281), Klamath National Forest, Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032.