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Dear Interested Parties:

The Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (Monument Plan) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) were published in September of this year. These documents are posted on the Sequoia National Forest website at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/gsnm/feis\\_index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/gsnm/feis_index.html)

Since the Monument documents were published, several errors have been found and corrected, as follows:

1. Add missing references in Vegetation/Silvicultural Report, Literature Cited section (p. 81):

Piirto, D.D.; Wilcox, W.W.; Parmeter, J.R.; Wood, D.L. 1984. Causes of Uprooting and Breakage of Specimen Giant Sequoia Trees. UC Berkeley Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Bulletin 1909. Berkeley, CA. 12 p.

Piirto, D.D. 1992. Giant sequoia insect, disease, and ecosystem interactions. In: Aune, P., ed. Giant sequoias: their place in the ecosystem and society. Visalia, CA: 82-89.

Piirto, D.D.; Rogers, R.R. 1999. An ecological foundation for management of national forest giant sequoia ecosystems. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, R5-EM-TP-005.

Piirto, D.D.; Rogers, R.R. 2002. An ecological basis for managing giant sequoia ecosystems. *Environmental Management* 30(1): 110-128.

2. Add missing reference in FEIS, Volume 1, Literature Cited section, p. 713:

Piirto, D.D.; Wilcox, W.W.; Parmeter, J.R.; Wood, D.L. 1984. Causes of Uprooting and Breakage of Specimen Giant Sequoia Trees. UC Berkeley Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Bulletin 1909. Berkeley, CA. 12 p.

3. Correct date on p. 14 of the Vegetation/Silviculturalist Report, and on p. 163 of the FEIS, Volume 1. Change "(Piirto & Rogers, 1998)" to "(Piirto & Rogers 1999)."
4. Add missing language on p. 63 of the Monument Plan (Special Areas section of Part 2) similar to that in the 2001 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Record of Decision (2001 SNFPA ROD, p. A-33) regarding Inventoried Roadless Areas:

National management direction from the decision for the Roadless Rule Final EIS prohibits road construction and reconstruction in inventoried roadless areas. Tree removal will only be permitted following a determination that removal of the trees is "clearly needed for ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety" (Clinton 2000, p. 24097), using the criteria in the Clear Need Criteria section of Part 3 of the Monument Plan. Fuel treatments in inventoried roadless areas are considered permissible under the Roadless Rule.



5. Add missing word on p. 63 of the Monument Plan (Special Areas section of Part 2), to be consistent with the Strategy for the Proposed Moses Wilderness on p. 59 of Part 2. Change “It will be managed as wilderness” to “It will be managed as proposed wilderness...”
6. Modify text on p. 31 of the Monument Plan (Land Allocations and Management Areas section of Part 2), and on p. 54 of Volume 1 of the FEIS, to clarify what management direction will be used where land allocations overlap. Change “Where they overlap, the area with the most restrictive direction is given priority,...” to “Where they overlap, the more restrictive standards and guidelines would be applied,...”
7. Modify table on pp. 33-34 of the Monument Plan, and on pp. 58-59 of Volume 1 of the FEIS, to clarify what management direction will be used where land allocations overlap.
  - Where Wildland Urban Intermix (WUI): Defense Zone and Giant Sequoia Groves overlap, change “Apply WUI” to “Apply both.”
  - Where Wildland Urban Intermix (WUI): Threat Zone and Giant Sequoia Groves overlap, change “Apply WUI” to “Apply both.”
  - Where Tribal Fuels Emphasis Treatment Areas (TFETA) and Giant Sequoia Groves overlap, change “Apply WUI threat” to “Apply both.”

As a reminder, the decision in the Record of Decision is subject to administrative appeal in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR 219.17(b)(3) of the current National Forest Management Act regulations (77 FR 21260, 21270, April 9, 2012), which allow for use of the optional administrative appeal procedures in the prior planning regulations. Under the transition provisions of the reinstated 2000 Planning rule (36 CFR 219.35(b) and 219.35 (Appendix A) [2010]), the responsible official may elect to use the administrative appeal procedures for land management plans and amendments approved during the planning rule transition period. A written Notice of Appeal must be filed within 90 days of the date the legal notice of this decision is published in the *Porterville Recorder* and *Sacramento Bee*.

The administrative appeal procedures for this plan amendment can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/includes/PlanAppealProceduresDuringTransition.pdf>, or by requesting them from the Pacific Southwest Regional Office of the Forest Service. Section 8 of these procedures explains that it is the responsibility of the appellant to file the notice of appeal on or before the last day of the filing period.

The appeal must be filed with the Chief of the Forest Service and contain sufficient narrative evidence and argument to show why this decision should be changed or reversed. At a minimum, the written notice of appeal must:

1. State that the document is a Notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35, Appendix A;
2. List the name, address, and telephone number of the appellant;
3. Identify the decision about which the requester objects;
4. Identify the document in which the decision is contained by title and subject, date of the decision, and name and title of the deciding officer;
5. Identify specifically that portion of the decision or decision document to which the requester objects;
6. State the reasons for objecting, including issues of fact, law, regulation, or policy, and, if applicable,

specifically how the decision violates law, regulation, or policy; and,

7. Identify the specific change(s) in the decision that the appellant (54 FR 3357, Jan. 23, 1989, as amended at 55 FR 7895, Mar. 6, 1990; 56 FR 4918, Feb. 6, 1991).

Appeals must be filed with the Chief of the Forest Service at any of the following addresses:

**For delivery by the U.S. Postal Service**

USDA Forest Service  
 Attn: EMC Appeals  
 Mail Stop 1104  
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20250-1104

**For delivery by private carrier or hand delivery\***

USDA Forest Service  
 Ecosystem Management Coordination  
 Attn: Appeals  
 Yates Bldg., 3CEN  
 201 14th St., SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20250

Main phone\*\*: (202) 205-0895  
 Fax: (202) 205-1012  
 E-mail: appeals-chief@fs.fed.us

\*Appeals may be hand delivered to this address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

\*\*The main phone line can be used for carrier deliveries. This number is staffed during regular business hours.

Thank you for working with us on the Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan. For additional information, please contact Annette Fredette at (559) 784-1500, extension 1138.

Sincerely,

  
 for KEVIN B. ELLIOTT  
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