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Dear Librarian:

Enclosed is a copy of an environmental assessment on a proposal to thin second growth forests in the South Fork of the Lost Man Creek in Redwood National Park near Orick.

We would appreciate if you could make this document available to the public for their review.

We will be issuing a press release announcing that the document will be available at the library during the public review period, which ends on February 13, 2009.

We are sending copies of the environmental assessment to the County Board of Supervisors, affiliated American Indian tribes, government agencies, organizations, and individuals. The document is also available on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/redw/parkmgmt/planning.htm>.

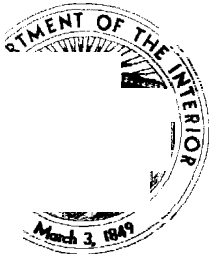
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (707) 465-7780 or leonel_arguello@nps.gov.

We appreciate your assistance with providing an opportunity for the public to participate in the planning for Redwood National Park.

Sincerely,

Leonel Arguello
Supervisory Botanist

Enclosure



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Dear Interested Party:

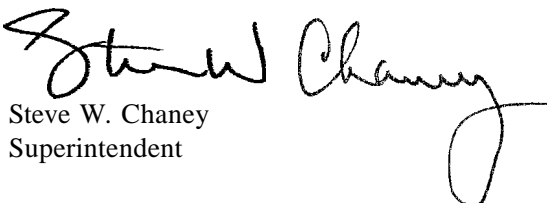
The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking comments on the enclosed environmental assessment describing a proposal to thin about 1,700 acres of second growth forests in the South Fork of the Lost Man Creek drainage near the community of Orick to accelerate restoration of ecological and structural characteristics resembling those found in old growth forests. The focus of second growth forest restoration is to reduce stand density to promote growth and maintain vigor of the remaining trees while protecting adjacent old growth forests, maintaining water quality in riparian habitats, minimizing tanoak tree disturbance, and minimizing excessive fuel build-up on the forest floor. Different thinning prescriptions would be applied throughout the project area depending on slope steepness, available road access, and specific vegetation types. The proposed action includes a moderate intensity thin prescription on approximately 361 acres where trees to be cut are removed offsite and the available merchantable timber sold by the logging contractor to offset costs for conducting the work.

We welcome your comments on this plan. Comments must be submitted in writing by February 13, 2009 and may be sent to:

Mail: Superintendent, Redwood National and State Parks
Attn: LMSG EA
1111 Second Street
Crescent City, CA 95531
Fax: (707) 464-1812

Copies of the environmental assessment are also available for review at local libraries, park offices in Crescent City and Orick, and on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/redw/parkmgmt/planning.htm>. For additional information about the plan or to obtain additional copies, please contact Leonel Arguello at (707) 465-7780 or leonel_arguello@nps.gov.

Sincerely,


Steve W. Chaney
Superintendent

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