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355 Hemsted Drive
Redding, CA 96002



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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Redding Field Office (RFO), is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) that will analyze the potential effects of implementing an Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVMP) on lands managed by the RFO in Butte, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties. The goal of the IVMP is to control and suppress invasive plants, and other undesirable vegetation, such as exotic and noxious weeds, across the public lands managed by the RFO.

Invasive plants are compromising the ability to manage BLM lands for healthy native ecosystems. Further, some of the targeted plant species are toxic or poisonous to humans, pets and wildlife, and/or reduce the effectiveness of hazardous fuels reduction projects due to their high flammability and extensive vegetative re-sprouting.

BLM's proposed action includes a range of vegetation treatments using physical methods and selective application of chemical herbicides to work towards the containment and control of undesirable vegetation. These methods would apply across the public land managed by the RFO, except in Trinity County, where treatment will be limited to physical methods only. The proposed action has been developed internally by the BLM, and will be amended to incorporate comments received by the public. Targeted species will be selected from the weeds listed on the California Invasive Plant Council and/or the California Department of Food and Agriculture pest species list. Native species targeted for selective management under the proposed action include toyon, poison oak and manzanita.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal for **30 days** from the date of this letter. The BLM's purpose for this scoping request is to offer the public and other interested parties the opportunity to provide input early in the process. Your input is most useful when it addresses the specific resource concerns you have. Your input and data will be combined with BLM information and will be used to help develop issues and alternative to be analyzed in the EA.

Comments may be submitted by email to blm_ca_reddingnepa@blm.gov, with "Integrated Vegetation Management" in the subject line, or by letter to the following address:

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Kendra Fallon, Ecologist
355 Hemsted Drive
Redding, CA 96002

This notice, more detailed maps, and description of the project are available at the BLM Redding Field Office located at 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002 or at <http://go.usa.gov/c7SGm>. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request in your comment that BLM withhold personal identifying information from being made public, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Fallon, RFO Ecologist, by telephone at (530) 224-2107, by email at kfallon@blm.gov, or in person at the above address.

Sincerely,



Fol: Jennifer Mata

Acting Field Office Manager

Enclosure