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Dear Interested Citizen:

I am pleased to invite your comments on the preliminary environmental assessment (EA) for the Twofer Fuels Reduction Project (Twofer Project).

The Twofer Project is located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada in a wildland-urban interface along the north and south sides of the heavily traveled U.S. Highway 50 in El Dorado County, CA (T12N R14E; T11N R13 - 15E; and small portions of T10N R14 - 15E; Mount Diablo Base & Meridian). The project proposes 8,561 acres of treatment within the South Fork American River watershed on both the Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts of the Eldorado National Forest. The preliminary environmental assessment and supporting documentation are available under the Analysis Tab on the project website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50370>. To obtain a printed copy of these documents contact Nancy Nordensten, NEPA Planner, at 530-647-5485 or [nancy.nordensten@usda.gov](mailto:nancy.nordensten@usda.gov).

The purpose of the Twofer Project is to reduce the risk of tree mortality due to insect and disease, and to reduce the risk of wildfire within the heavily traveled watershed utilizing a combination of mechanical and hand vegetation treatments. We are also proposing to create fuel breaks, and to implement prescribed burning, hazard tree removal along roads and utility lines, road reconstruction to improve water quality, herbicide application to reduce the regrowth of shrub species, and targeted grazing to control invasive plant species.

The Forest Service has prepared the project EA to present the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and the No Action alternatives. A comment period is being provided for this EA, pursuant to 36 CFR 218.22. The comment period is intended to provide those interested in, or affected by this action an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by Forest Supervisor Laurence Crabtree, the Responsible Official.

### **How to Comment and Timeframe**

Comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the Mountain Democrat, the newspaper of record. Publication is expected on or about April 24, 2019.

The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source (36 CFR 218.24(c)(2)). Extensions to the length of the comment period cannot be granted (36 CFR 218.25(a)(1)(iv)).



Only individuals or entities that submitted timely, specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or the public comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). Individuals and entities eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.25, including providing specific written comments as defined in 218.2 regarding the proposed project, along with supporting reasons (218.25 (a)(3)(iii)). When citing literature, the commenter is responsible for providing a copy of the literature cited, the full literature citation, and an explanation of how the literature cited applies to the environmental analysis. Individuals or entities submitting timely and specific written comments regarding this project must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request (218.24(b)(8)). All written comments received by the responsible official become a matter of public record (218.25(b)(2)).

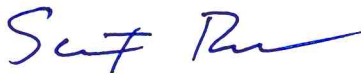
You can submit your comments in a variety of ways. Comments may be emailed in common format (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) to: [comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado-pacific@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado-pacific@fs.fed.us), with the subject line: Twofer Project. Comments may be submitted by FAX to 530.647.5405, attention Nancy Nordensten. Comments may also be mailed, or hand delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm) to the address below:

Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor  
c/o Nancy Nordensten  
Eldorado National Forest Supervisor's Office  
100 Forni Road  
Placerville, CA. 95667

A decision regarding this proposal is expected in September 2019. Please contact Nancy Nordensten, NEPA Planner, by phone at (530) 647-5485 or email at [nancy.nordensten@usda.gov](mailto:nancy.nordensten@usda.gov) if you have questions or seek additional information about this project.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the environmental analysis process on the Eldorado National Forest.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger