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Lassen National Forest Hosts Open House To Review Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The Lassen National Forest will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, July 22nd at their forest headquarters office at 2550 Riverside Drive in Susanville. The open house will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end around 7:00 p.m.

The open house will provide an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about the Sierra Nevada Framework Plan and the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) that is currently open to public review and comment until September 12th.

The preferred alternative of the DSEIS is alternative two. A few of the objectives in this particular alternative will benefit the Lassen by:

- Improving the ability to meet National Fire Plan objectives with aggressive fuels treatments in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) to protect communities, and with effective, strategically placed fuels treatments in the wildland to reduce fire severity in sensitive watersheds and wildlife habitat. (The WUI includes the defense zone, the first ¼ mile, and the threat zone, the next 1¼ miles, surrounding homes and communities.)
- Protecting most medium and all large, old trees. Retains 40% of the basal area in the largest trees even if they are less than 30 inches in diameter.

- Allowing natural resource professionals more flexibility to work with grazing permit holders and recreationists to develop land use practices that protect sensitive habitats and allow appropriate use of resources and enjoyment of the national forests.

Following the open house, the Lassen will be hosting a field trip to exhibit examples of projects proposed by the DSEIS. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending around 4:00 p.m. Interested individuals may call Heidi Perry at 252-6604 to reserve a spot on the trip.

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