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## Interested Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies

The USDA Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) is planning a project to designate OHV routes and restore unauthorized routes on the Mountaintop District. This letter begins a 30-day scoping period for an environmental analysis, during which we are actively seeking comments. A project description, a map of the project area, and additional information can be found online at the link below.

The project, called Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails, consists of designating approximately 8.7 miles of OHV routes, and restoration of approximately 25 miles of unauthorized routes. The project area covers approximately 8,000 acres ranging from near Rattlesnake Mountain to Big Pine Flat; this is the area within which proposed trails, mixed use of roads, and restoration of unauthorized routes will be evaluated, and environmental effects will be analyzed for this project. This project area is on the northern edge of the Mountaintop District of the SBNF, south of the Town of Apple Valley and north of Fawnskin. Coxeys Road (Forest Road 3N14), Grapevine Canyon Road (Forest Road 4N16), and White Mountain Road (Forest Road 3N17) pass through or adjacent to the project area. The project area is adjacent and to and southeast of Juniper Flats, managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and would connect to OHV routes managed by BLM in that area.

The SBNF is requesting written comments on the scope of this Proposed Action. Comments are being requested to help identify key issues, potential alternatives, mitigation measures, and to analyze the effects of the proposed action. If you have pertinent information, points of dispute, debate or disagreement regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please send those to the project leader. Please be as specific as possible expressing your comments so they can be effectively addressed.

Project documents are available online at:

[http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project\\_list.php?forest=110512](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_list.php?forest=110512)

On this page, find the project listed by name.

Paper copies are available upon request by contacting Scott Eliason, at [seliason@fs.fed.us](mailto:seliason@fs.fed.us) or 909-382-2830.

The responsible and deciding official is Jody Noiron, Forest Supervisor, and the NEPA process is being administered by the Mountaintop District. Written and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted, however, the preference is for receiving scoping comments



electronically. From the project document link above, click on [Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails](#). On the right side of the project web page click on ‘Comment on Project’. You can also request more information or sign up for project update emails. You may also send your comment by email (in e-mail text, or readable formats such as .doc, .pdf, .txt, .rtf) to: [seliason@fs.fed.us](mailto:seliason@fs.fed.us) , with “Scoping – Rattlesnake Mountain” in the subject line. If you are unable to send comments electronically, you may send them by mail to US Forest Service, Attn: Scott Eliason, P.O. Box 290, Fawnskin, CA 92333.

The Forest Service is requesting that comments be received by April 10, 2015.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

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