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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Eddy Gulch Late-Successional Reserve Fuels/Habitat Protection Project, Siskiyou County, CA (CEQ# 20100011)

Dear Ms. Grantham:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above-referenced project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provided comments to the Forest Service on September 8, 2009. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) because of concerns about air quality and noxious weeds. EPA is pleased that all of our issues identified in our review of the DEIS have been addressed in the FEIS. In response to EPA comments, helpful revisions were made, both in format and content, which greatly improved the document. Also, additional information was provided to address EPA concerns about smoke management plans and naturally occurring asbestos. EPA commends Forest Service for including an RPM for asbestos in Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this FEIS. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Skophammer, the lead reviewer for this project, at (415) 972-3098 or Skophammer.Stephanie@epa.gov, or me at (415) 972-3521.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Office

cc: Eddy Gulch LSR Project, c/o RED, Inc. Communication