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## Fwd: Scoping Comments Discussion RE Sequoia & Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project

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Mon, Nov 13, 2023 at 4:11 PM

To: Amber - FS <amber.sprinkle@usda.gov>

Cc: Kevin Proescholdt <kevinp@wildernesswatch.org>, Al Olson <alan.olson@usda.gov>, rachael.hohl@usda.gov, Judith Tapia <judith.tapia@usda.gov>, Heather.Stewart@usda.gov

Hi Amber,

Got it. Thank you.

Rene Voss

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:** RE: Scoping Comments Discussion RE Sequoia & Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project

**Date:** Mon, 13 Nov 2023 21:11:40 +0000

**From:** Sprinkle, Amber - FS, OR <amber.sprinkle@usda.gov>

**To:** kevinp@wildernesswatch.org <kevinp@wildernesswatch.org>, Olson, Alan - FS, CA <alan.olson@usda.gov>, Hohl, Rachael - FS, CA <rachael.hohl@usda.gov>

**CC:** Stewart, Heather - FS, OR <Heather.Stewart@usda.gov>, Tapia, Judith - FS, CA <judith.tapia@usda.gov>

Hello Kevin and Rene,

(Kevin, please forward this message Rene Voss. It appears I do not have his email address).

Thank you for your time today providing additional context and information regarding your request to extend the scoping period. As we discussed, the scoping period end date will remain November 20, 2023. To provide context to the scoping comments you plan to submit by November 20, 2023, please send us additional information before the end of January.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue, understanding your concerns, and responding to questions regarding the project. We will work to identify whether there will be opportunities for additional engagement periods/project updates outside of the draft environmental assessment comment period and the objection filing period for the draft decision.

Briefly, here are notes I captured during our meeting today. Please let me know if I've captured them incorrectly.

- The maps need to be improved. It is unclear what is being proposed within designated wilderness.
- The description of the proposed action for activities within or impacting wilderness needs to be improved. It is unclear what is being proposed in wilderness (i.e., mechanical operations, ignition, etc.). It is not clear how the Forest Plans are considered; design features do not seem to refer to the Forest Plan standards.
- Extending the scoping period:
  - Large and complex project.
  - First of its kind being proposed under the newly minted Forest Plans for the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests.
  - Primary interest is to provide substantive feedback to see if this is a project we can work together on.

Again, thank you for making the time. It was great to meet you both!



**Amber Sprinkle (She/Her)**  
**Interdisciplinary Team Lead**

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Sprinkle, Amber - FS, OR

**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 8:57 AM

**To:** Sprinkle, Amber - FS, OR; [kevinp@wildernesswatch.org](mailto:kevinp@wildernesswatch.org); Olson, Alan - FS, CA; Hohl, Rachael - FS, CA

**Cc:** Stewart, Heather - FS, OR; Tapia, Judith - FS, CA

**Subject:** Scoping Comments Discussion RE Sequoia & Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project

**When:** Monday, November 13, 2023 12:00 PM-12:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hello Everyone,

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire project and respond to the scoping period extension request received from Mr. Proescholdt, Wilderness Watch Conservation Director.

Meeting participants include:

Kevin Proescholdt, Wilderness Watch Conservation Director

Al Olson, Director of Ecosystem Planning

Rachael Hohl, Deputy Director of Ecosystem Planning

Amber Sprinkle, Interdisciplinary Team Lead for the project

Optional: Heather Stewart, Interdisciplinary Team Lead for the project

Optional: Judi Tapia, Planning and Business Staff Officer for Sierra National Forest

Thank you,

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