

## **INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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SUBJECT: Development of the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan

### **Introduction**

The Bureau of Land Management, Northern California District, Arcata and Redding Field Offices (FOs) are developing the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan (NCIP).

### **Background**

This project will result in a RMP, Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision.

### **Discussion**

The NCIP is a joint RMP for the Arcata and Redding FOs and will replace the existing RMPs from 1992 and 1993, respectively. The planning area includes approximately 390,000 surface acres and an additional 300,000 subsurface acres of BLM-managed lands across 8 counties and 7 EPA Level III ecoregions. Approximately 70 percent of the planning area is within the boundaries of the Northwest Forest Plan. Four National Landscape Conservation System units or portions of units with separate RMPs are not included in the NCIP planning area (King Range National Conservation Area, Headwaters Forest Reserve, California Coastal National Monument, and Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument).

The NCIP embraces a collaborative approach among federal agencies, tribes, and state and local governments, and will incorporate additional steps in the planning process in order to maximize public participation and input. The NCIP crosses administrative boundaries and captures efficiencies by sharing field office staff, resources, and contractors throughout the planning process.

### **Completed Milestones**

- Analysis of the Management Situation, data gathering, key inventories (2016)
- “Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement” published in the Federal Register (November 2017)
- Public Scoping, including 7 public meetings and comments on issues (November 2016 – January 2017)

### **Next Steps**

- Public Scoping Report (April 2017)
- Develop Management Alternatives, public outreach (2017)
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (2018)
- Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (2019)

### **Attachments**

NCIP Planning Area Map



## NCIP Planning Area

### Legend

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| • Cities and Towns                   | AGC                        | <b>Land - Surface Management Agency</b> | Bureau of Indian Affairs |
| Interstate                           | NLCSS Wilderness Boundary  | <b>AGENCY</b>                           | State                    |
| Not in Planning Area                 | BLM Wilderness Study Areas | Bureau of Land Management               | Local Government         |
| US EPA Level II Ecoregion Boundaries | Field Office Boundaries    | National Park Service                   | Unclassified             |
|                                      | Interative SRMA            | Fish and Wildlife Service               |                          |

