



Sustainable Forest Action Coalition

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Jim Pena, Regional Forester
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RE: Sustainable Forest Action Coalition (SFAC) and Region 5 Social and Economic Workshop, February 26, 2015

Dear Jim:

As a part of the SFAC August 22, 2014 combined meeting with representatives from both Region 5 and 6, we discussed our efforts to meet the NEPA requirements to include Social and Economics in project level decisions. As a part of that discussion on August 22nd, Shoni Pilip Flora, Region 6 Legislative Affairs, indicated that the Region had started similar discussions with eastside forests. Shoni also indicated that Region 6 would work with the Region 5 staff on this effort.

On February 26th, the SFAC in conjunction with CSU Chico Center For Economic Development (CSU Chico CED) held a workshop to continue working on developing social and economics within project level NEPA documents. I have attached our letter that was sent to the Region 5 staff about this meeting as well as anticipated next steps.

As a supporter and active participant with the SFAC, Communities for Healthy Forests (CHF) have also committed to hold a workshop in Southern Oregon. CHF is hoping to hold this workshop sometime in May. Mr. Javier Goirigolzarri, Executive Director of Communities for Healthy Forests, will be contacting you to discuss this opportunity to coordinate with your office and staff on this workshop and subsequent social and economic awareness. As this session continues to develop both groups will keep your office informed with the desire to have participation and follow-up, as described in the attached letter to Region 5. Many of the social and economic issues are common to both Regions and can not be separated by a State line.

The SFAC is hopeful that you will support this effort and work with Region 5 to accomplish inclusion of a Social and Economic Purpose and Need in your project level NEPA documents.

The SFAC looks forward to working together on this and other issues that are critical to our rural counties.

Sincerely,

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Bill Wickman and Laurel Brent-Bumb
Representatives for SFAC

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