

Headwaters Forest Reserve Management Plan Public Comment Process

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) are preparing a Management Plan (Plan) for the Headwaters Forest Reserve (Reserve). For more information on this Plan, please call (916) 737-3010 ext. 4326 or (707) 269-2053, or log on to www.ca.blm.gov/arcata/headwaters.html. We (the BLM and DFG) anticipate that many people and groups will want to provide input to the Plan, and it is important that everyone's voice be heard in this important planning process. The planning process begins May, 2000. In addition to several public scoping meetings that will be held in Eureka, San Francisco, and Sacramento, we want to provide everyone the opportunity to contribute written comments as well.

In an attempt to increase accessibility, participation, and clarity in the written public comments process, we have improved our method of receiving and organizing your comments. The process is described below. The goal of public input is to ensure we can include your specific concerns, ideas, and proposals into the Management Plan and environmental impact assessments. We are confident our new process will help us better organize the many anticipated responses into a cohesive plan that provides mutual benefits.

Instructions. For your ease, this form can be printed from this webpage. Comments can be written as emails, emails with an attached electronic files (such as Word or Word Perfect), or as printed pages. The comments can be emailed to headwatersplan@att.net, or sent by regular mail to P.O. Box 189445 Sacramento, CA 95818-9445.

Below you will see a set of codes. Each code refers to a topic that will likely be discussed in the Management Plan. When writing and submitting your comments, please use one of the following codes to identify what you are commenting about. Please select the code that best applies to the topic you are discussing. If there are several topics that you want to comment on, you may need to split your input into several sections, each focused on one of the topics shown.

For instance, perhaps you want to discuss exotic plant control, public access to the southern part of the Reserve, and litter associated with that access. Ideally, you would begin a separate discussion for each of those topics and you would begin each comment with the capitalized word "CODE", followed by the appropriate code. Using the previous example, you would begin the exotic plant comment with "CODE A3". The public access comment would begin with "CODE B2" and the litter topic comment would begin with "CODE C6". For issues that you feel do not fit in any other topic, please use the "Other Topics" code.

We anticipate many comments on the Management Plan, perhaps several thousand. We want to be sure that your comments are used appropriately. This proposed process will be extremely helpful to us in organizing and using your and other concerned citizens' comments.

Codes:

- A. Ecosystem Preservation
 - A1.** Watershed restoration (including road decommissioning and maintenance)
 - A2.** Forest restoration
 - A3.** Exotic plant control/removal
 - A4.** Ecosystem monitoring

- B. Public Access to the Reserve
 - B1.** Northern access
 - B2.** Southern access
 - B3.** Other access

- C. Recreation
 - C1.** Trail system
 - C2.** Bicycle use
 - C3.** Equestrian use
 - C4.** Camping and overnight use
 - C5.** Interpretive/educational activities
 - C6.** Control of human-caused litter and waste/picnic areas
 - C7.** Access restrictions (seasonal, daily, to protect wildlife nesting, etc.)

- D. Reserve Maintenance Requirements
 - D1.** Fire suppression
 - D2.** Security or other maintenance needs

- E. Scientific Research
 - E1.** Appropriate types/levels
 - E2.** Screening and research-monitoring processes

- F. Management Budget and Funding
 - F1.** Expenditures
 - F2.** User fees (recreation and research)
 - F3.** Other revenues

- G. Other Topics
 - G.** (specify topic)

If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 737-3010 ext. 4326 or (707) 269-2053, headwatersplan@att.net, or P.O. Box 189445 Sacramento, CA 95818-9445, and we will respond as quickly as possible.