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Angeles National Forest Proposes to Reduce Fuels and Thin Forests Near Wrightwood

ARCADIA, Calif. – The Angeles National Forest is proposing to establish wildfire fuel breaks, reduce forest fuel loading, and address forest health concerns in the forests surrounding the community of Wrightwood, California. The purpose of the project is to protect people and property, to increase fireline safety for fire fighters, to reduce the risk of damage to forest resources, and to improve forest health. The 2,554-acre project area is located on the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

The Federal Government designated Wrightwood as a “community at risk” to wildfire in 2001. The Wrightwood Project proposes to reduce the risk and improve forest health overall by removing dead and dying trees, thinning overstocked stands, reducing chaparral/shrubs, and creating fuel breaks. It would complement actions being developed in the Wrightwood Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and the Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, and California Department of Forestry projects. Proposed activities would occur within the next five years.

To receive more information on this proposal, please contact project leader Chris French at 559-359-5817, or call the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District at 661-296-9710. Comments on this proposal can be mailed to: District Ranger Cid Morgan, Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District, 30800 Bouquet Canyon Road, Saugus, CA 91390.

Comments must be received by August 24, 2004.