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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE HEARST FORESTS PROGRAMMATIC TIMBERLAND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PTEIR)

Project Title: Modifications to the Programmatic Timberland EIR Hearst Forests

Applicant: Hearst Forests

Lead Agency: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)

Public Notice of Scoping Meeting: Consistent with Section 21083.9 of the CEQA Statutes, a public scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments regarding the scope and analysis of the PTEIR. CALFIRE will hold a public scoping meeting for agencies and individuals to learn more about the CEQA process for this project and to provide input about the scope and contents of the Subsequent PTEIR document, including what potential environmental impacts should be addressed in depth in the Subsequent PTEIR. The merits of the project will not be discussed at the meeting. No comments regarding the approval or denial of the project will be heard at the meeting and no decision to approve or deny the project will be made at the meeting.

The meeting will be held on April 30, 2025, at McCloud River Bed and Breakfast, 325 Lawndale Ct., McCloud, CA 96007 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Wi-Fi is available.

Project Location: The Hearst Forests is comprised of approximately 80,989 acres located in Shasta and Siskiyou counties.

Notice of Preparation: CALFIRE is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is preparing the Subsequent Programmatic Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR) for the project addressed as modifications to the 1998 PTEIR for Hearst Forests.

Project Summary: A Subsequent PTEIR is being prepared under the direction of the CALFIRE. CALFIRE, as the Lead Agency for this Subsequent PTEIR, is responsible for assessing the anticipated environmental consequences of implementing the proposed timber operations; identifying mitigation measures to minimize, reduce, or avoid adverse environmental impacts; and evaluating a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project.

Additional Information: An Initial Study (SCH# 2025040375) was completed for the project and is available at www.https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2025040375.

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