

Pacific Southwest Region

National Forests in California

Welcome

The Pacific Southwest Region of the USDA Forest Service manages 20 million acres of National Forest land in California and assists the State and Private forest landowners in California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. The Pacific Southwest Region is commonly referred to as Region 5 (R5).

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Announcements

Terri Marceron Named Supervisor of Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

"With her wide range of experience, including a strong background in recreation and fuels reduction work, Terri is fully prepared for this promotion," said Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Bernie Weingardt.

New Forest Service Plans Provide Recreation and Protect National Forests

New land management plans will protect the natural character of four southern California national forests and provide a wide range of recreation opportunities over the next 10-15 years. Regional Forester Bernie Weingardt called the plans a "balanced, strategic blueprint for responding to the increasing demand for recreation and other uses of the national forests while protecting forest ecosystems and resources, especially threatened and endangered species."

Regional Noxious Weed Management

The spread of invasive weeds in Region 5 is threatening the ecosystem health of our Forest and rangeland ecosystems. In response to national direction and regional needs, the region has developed this *Noxious Weed Management Strategy and Action Plan*.

Features

2005 Fall Color Report

Join us and enjoy the illuminating fall colors throughout the National Forests in the Pacific Southwest Region. Our 18 National Forests in California stretch from the Mexican border to Oregon and offer a variety of landscape and plant types framing an

awesome array of fall color. Take time out and enjoy the fall color of your national forests. Just as a reminder, *fall colors start in the higher elevations and move down to the lower elevations by late October and early November.*

Forest Business Plans

The Forest Service Business Plan Initiative intends to improve the abilities of forests to communicate their financial condition and operational capabilities with principal stakeholders. These business plans provide forest managers with a powerful tool to communicate the current and future work of their organizations.



The Greatest Good

In a breathtaking high definition documentary, *The Greatest Good* takes the audience on a journey into the heart of a story as compelling as it is uniquely American -- a story of courage and tragedy, enormous progress and bitter conflict. The Forest Service centennial film frames the epic story of the struggle to manage a nation's resources amid global changes.



Experimental Forests and Rangelands

The ability to conduct scientific research in-house, to apply research findings on the National Forest System lands, and to transfer them to others for use on all of the nation's forest land sets the Forest Service apart as a natural resource agency. Learn about the Experimental Forests administered by the Pacific Southwest Research Station.

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