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Subject: Development of Interagency California Indian Traditional Gathering Policy

Dear Tribal Community Leader or Organization Director:

The USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USDA Forest Service (FS) are developing a joint policy for lands administered by the two agencies in California. The purpose of this policy is to promote consistency in our agencies' support for traditional gathering.

Our local offices are currently working with traditional practitioners, spiritual leaders, basketweavers and others, but there are recurring inconsistencies due to the lack of an interagency statewide policy or direction. We want to ensure that traditional practitioners have access to plants and such plants are managed in a manner that promotes ecosystem health.

In order for this policy to be effective for your members, we need your participation throughout the process. We are initiating formal consultation with this letter and would appreciate comments within 60 days of the date of this letter. We are also working with the California Indian Basketweavers Association and the California Indian Forest and Fire Management Council, to assist us in reaching traditional practitioners as we develop this policy. Consultation has been initiated earlier with federally recognized Tribes.

We respectfully request your initial comments on the attached draft policy outline. By providing your comments within 60 days of the date of this letter, we can address your concerns early in the process. We anticipate completing and implementing this policy by the summer of 2006. We will continue to consult with you on future drafts.

You can send comments to Sonia Tamez, Forest Service or Ken Wilson, BLM at the addresses noted in the letterhead. If need further information or want to discuss, please contact Sonia at 707-562-8919 or Ken at 916-978-4648. The local BLM and FS managers will be following up

with you to discuss the draft policy outline further. You can also contact them at the numbers on the attached lists. We appreciate your participation in this effort.

Respectfully,

Mike Pool
California State Director
Bureau of Land Management

FOR Bernie Weingardt
Regional Forester
Pacific Southwest Region, Forest Service

Enclosures

cc: BLM and FS Units

DRAFT POLICY OUTLINE

- The BLM and FS supports traditional native cultural practitioners in gathering culturally utilized botanical species at sustainable subsistence levels for personal, ceremonial or noncommercial use.

- No fees or permits are required for traditional gathering.

- Gatherers have access for traditional practices to lands managed by the BLM and FS. As applicable, this policy is implemented in concert with other management direction. Conflicts will be addressed locally.

- This policy encourages the use of tribal traditional management practices to enhance culturally utilized flora and promote ecosystem health.

- This policy also encourages local managers to work in collaboration with Tribes, groups and traditional practitioners to identify and enhance traditionally important plant resources.

- This policy shall be reviewed periodically through consultation and coordination to ensure policy effectiveness.

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