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Date: April 23, 2003

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Coast Range Guardians and Canaries Who Sing
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Dear Jan,

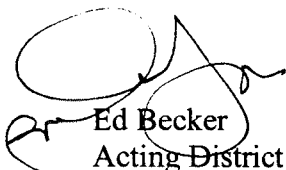
I appreciate your concerns about the gypsy moth eradication project. After considering your concerns, the concerns of other affected Five Rivers residents, the concerns of other interested people, and weighing the trade-offs as disclosed in the EA, I made a decision to authorize ODA to treat National Forest System land inside the eradication analysis area as described for the preferred alternative in the Gypsy Moth Eradication Program for Lincoln County Environmental Assessment (EA). Enclosed is your copy of the Decision Notice; refer to pages 1 to 6 for project background information, my decision, and the reasons for my decision. I've included the responses to your comments on the final EA in the attached appendix F of the EA.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215.7. Written appeals must be sent to: Linda Goodman, Regional Forester, ATTN: 1570 APPEALS, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623. Any written appeal must be postmarked or received by the Regional Forester within 45 days of the date of publication of the notice for this decision in the Corvallis Gazette-Times. The notice of decision publication date is expected to be April 25, 2003. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

The Chief of the USDA Forest Service has determined that the European gypsy moth infestation at the Fisher (Five Rivers) site is an emergency situation, and thus, this decision is exempt from the automatic stay of implementation (if appealed) as sited in CFR Part 215.10(d). Therefore, this project may be implemented immediately following the notice of decision publication date in the Corvallis Gazette-Times. Although the decision is exempt from the automatic stay of implementation, it remains subject to appeal, because exemptions for emergencies apply only to stays of implementation and not to appeal.

For additional information about the specific actions authorized by this decision, contact Bruce Buckley, South Zone Resource Planner at (541) 563-3211; or by e-mail at bbuckley@fs.fed.us; or by mail at P.O. Box 400, Waldport, OR 97394.

Sincerely,



Ed Becker
Acting District Ranger

Enclosures

