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Dear Interested Party:

The Cleveland National Forest (CNF) is seeking your feedback on the proposed repair and reconstruction of the West Horsethief Trail (6W11) and Trabuco Canyon Trail (6W04), which were damaged by the Holy Fire of 2018 and subsequent storm events. West Horsethief Trail is located in Trabuco Canyon on the CNF, Orange County, California, UTM 456162.366 x 3727400, Latitude/Longitude 33.685629N x -117.462879W, Sec. 35 & 36 T. 5S., R. 6W, SBM. Trabuco Canyon Trail, similarly, is located in Trabuco Canyon, UTM 457090.476 x 3725912.444, Latitude/Longitude 33.672247N x -117.511708W, Sec. 1, 2, 3, & 4 T. 6S, R. 6W., SBM., Sec. 34, 35 T. 5S., R. 6W, SBM.

In order to enhance sustainability, facilitate water drainage, and re-establish portions of the trail, the Cleveland National Forest proposes trail improvement activities. (1) Several minor realignments to better provide for resource protection, prevent erosion and create a more sustainable trail. (2) Vegetation clearing up to 3 feet on each side of trail. (3) Blading/grading of existing trail tread up to 6' wide total width, installation of drainage features, and several retaining walls (gabion baskets or Sutter walls). More specifically, these activities will consist of:

- Realigning and restoring old segments of the trail
- Adding drainage features to prevent erosion and future trail degradation
- Adding check features to capture sediment and prevent erosion on the trail
- Installing retaining walls to prevent trail erosion
- Clearing brush from the trail sides, removing damaged/hazard trees, and restoring the trail tread
- All vehicles associated with construction will stage within existing paved parking areas
- Use of mechanized equipment to accomplish proposed activities

The CNF is currently requesting information and comments from interested parties and individuals regarding these projects (i.e., environmental, religious, or cultural concerns). If you have any information that you would like us to consider in our project planning or have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Project Lead, Jake Rodriguez (jacob.rodriquez@usda.gov / (619) 857-8882) or Recreation Management Specialist, Michael Enciso (michael.enciso@usda.gov / (951) 751-9939).



To be most helpful as the Forest moves forward with the planning process, please provide your input no later than August 23rd, 2024.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger

Attachment 1 – Project Orientation Map

