



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Wildlife Branch

1812 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95811



January 9, 2009

Interested Parties:

RE: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration - Reintroduction of Fishers to Sierra Pacific Industries Stirling Management Area

The Department of Fish and Game has prepared a Negative Declaration on the subject reintroduction of the Pacific fisher into historic range. The project will reintroduce fisher (a medium-size native carnivore), to a portion of their historic range in the northern Sierra Nevada and southern Cascades (Butte, Tehama, and Plumas counties). Fishers will be captured from widely dispersed areas of northwestern California (includes Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta counties). Up to 40 animals are anticipated to be captured over a three year period, fitted with radio-tracking collars, and released on project forestlands. Released animals will be monitored to assess the success of reintroduction.

The project is also described and analyzed in the "Translocation Plan for the reintroduction of fishers to Sierra Pacific Industries Lands in the Northern Sierra Nevada and Southern Cascades" (the Negative Declaration and the report are available online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/>).

The comment review period is from January 9, 2009 to February 20, 2009 and comments must be postmarked or faxed by February 20, 2009. Comments should be faxed or mailed to the address below. Copies are available from the Department at:

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If you have difficulty obtaining a copy, please call 916-445-3406.

Sincerely,

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