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To: Area Managers/ADMs
From: District Manager, California Desert District
Subject: Interim Guidance for Notices of Actions in Designated Wilderness

There are policy memorandums being prepared for management of designated wilderness. In the interim, use the following procedures for notices in CDD wilderness areas:

1. There are two types of notices for wilderness areas: Notices of Proposed Actions (NOPAs) in wilderness areas and; Notices of Unauthorized Actions in wilderness areas (e.g., alleged violations, wild fires, etc.). An update of a notice or a cumulative log of notices may also be sent out as a notice;
2. NOPAs in wilderness areas will, where possible, be sent concurrent with initiation of scoping and NEPA analysis. That is, an environmental assessment does not have to be available prior to distributing a NOPA. However, a NOPA must be distributed no later than 30 days prior to starting or authorizing proposed actions, except when it is not possible to do so because of emergency conditions or regulatory timeframes, such as at 43 CFR 3809;
3. Notices of Unauthorized Actions in wilderness areas will be distributed consistent with disposition of administrative and legal remedies. NOPAs in wilderness areas concerning the status of the situation (e.g., reclamation actions) may be distributed subsequently, and;
4. Notices will be consecutively numbered by office for each fiscal year.

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