



Legislation Text

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Supervisor Ranalli recommending Board receive a presentation provided by Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest, on the Eldorado National Forest Reorganization that will consolidate the four Eldorado National Forest Ranger Districts into three Ranger Districts. The presentation will include information on the purpose, why the reorganization is important for the Eldorado National Forest, how the reorganization will affect the public and next steps for the reorganization process. (Est. Time: 30 Min.)

Purpose of Forest Reorganization

1. Provide more efficient customer service to local communities and the visiting public;
2. Decrease facility maintenance costs to allow more investment of taxpayer dollars into forest resource management;
3. Provide a safe and healthy environment for employees, volunteers, partners and forest users.

Why is this important for the Eldorado National Forest?

The Eldorado National Forest is adapting to change. There is a smaller workforce with diminishing budgets and a shift to accomplishing more work through partnerships in the areas of timber production, fuels reduction, restoration, and public services. Forest staff are evaluating how to reorganize with less facilities, less personnel, less government owned-vehicles and more partnerships.

How will this affect the public?

All programs and services will continue, but the Eldorado National Forest will be consolidating their operations. They expect to be organized into three ranger districts instead of four and to provide Visitor Information Services at two locations instead of three along Highway 50.

Next Steps

- This fall, the forest will begin moving Visitor Information Services at Pacific Ranger Station to the Placerville Range Station in Camino, including Desolation Wilderness permits.
- A variety of reorganization options are being considered with an anticipated forest recommendation in the next few months.
- Comments and questions can be submitted to: ENFReorg@fs.fed.us