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**PROTECTING
NATURAL
RESOURCES**

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Submitted to:
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Chris Sanders – Western Divide District Ranger, Sequoia National Forest
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Jennifer Eberlein – Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Region 5
Gary Church – Objection Reviewing Officer, Region 5
Al Olson – Director, Ecosystem Management, Region 5

**Subject: Wolves in the Sequoia National Forest – Significant New Information and the
 need for ESA Consultation re Various Projects in the Greenhorn Mountains**

We were thrilled to learn that a female gray wolf and her four offspring (two males and two females) have made it to the Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument. We hope they will make it their permanent home. If you haven't seen them, here are two videos of the mother wolf howling, see: https://www.instagram.com/p/Cv2o4i5RaNv/?img_index=1 (posted by Michelle Harris of Colibri Ecological Consulting LLC).

On behalf of Sequoia ForestKeeper (SFK), the Kern-Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club (SC), the Sequoia Taskforce of the Sierra Club (STF), the John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute (JMP), and the Tule River Conservancy (TRC), I am submitting comments and providing notice that the Forest Service has a legal obligation under NEPA to take a hard look at the effects of various project activities, based on this significant new information regarding the presence of wolves in the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. And because the gray wolf is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act in California, the Forest Service has a legal obligation to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding all management that may affect these wolves.

While the exact location of the five wolves has not been disclosed, as best as we can deduce they were first sighted in the Western Divide Ranger District on July 6, 2023 by Colibri Ecological Consulting where that organization has been working. And since wolves roam widely, have large territories, and can cover substantial distances in one day, it is likely that they are not only using the entire Western Divide Ranger District but may also be roaming south along the Greenhorn Mountains crest into the Kern River Ranger District.

Immediately, this new information implicates ongoing actions the Forest Service is currently implementing, including the **Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project** and the **Emergency Response, R5 Giant Sequoia Groves Fuels Reduction and Restoration Projects**. The Forest Service should place a pause on those actions and, in

consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, determine whether any activities associated with those and other projects could adversely affect the wolves.

Moreover, in the near future several other project activities could also cause direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, such as those proposed in the **Castle Fire Ecological Restoration Project** and the **Windy Fire Ecological Restoration Project**. For both projects, NEPA has been completed but the Biological Assessments (BAs) and Environmental Assessment (EAs) have not considered or assessed the effects from management activities on gray wolves. While, of course this is not the fault of the Forest Service, NEPA now requires the Forest Service to take a step back and make sure these analyses are conducted and that ESA consultation is completed before it issues final decisions for these projects. Cumulatively, other actions may also need to consider the effects on these wolves, such as the **French Fire Restoration Project** to the south in the Greenhorn Mountains in the Kern River Ranger District.

Project and Cumulative Effects on Wolves

The significant new information of the presence of wolves requires supplemental analyses. In doing so, NEPA requires the Forest Service to consider the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on wolves. Moreover, the ESA requires that the Forest Service find ways to mitigate project and other effects to avoid potential take, including harassment.

Direct effects from project activities that occur in gray wolf habitat could affect individuals by causing disturbance to wolves resulting in temporary habitat avoidance. In other national forests, like the Lassen, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife implements the 1-mile buffer from an active den or known rendezvous site. Should activities occur within 1 mile of a known den or a wolf rendezvous site, a limited operating period is put into effect to avoid disturbances. This LOP and associated avoidances can mitigate adverse effects when wolves are particularly sensitive to human activity and reduce the possibility of den abandonment. Gray wolves are highly mobile and have a broad range of habitat tolerance. And although wolves are habitat generalists and are not dependent on tree structure, they require large areas of undisturbed habitat to retreat to with opportunities to find prey.

Indirect effects from activities associated with the ongoing and proposed action could also cause disturbances that may lead to behavioral alterations to prey species, such as fleeing, or displacement. Cumulative effects include impacts from private and state activities that occur near project areas. One such activity is the proposed salvage logging project on the Tule Indian Reservation in the Windy Fire area. *See* Attachment A – Windy South Fire Salvage Timber Sale Advertisement in Porterville Recorder. Other causes of direct wolf mortality include starvation, disease, intraspecific aggression, interspecific conflicts, accidents, and human-related events such as illegal poaching and vehicle collisions (Paquet and Carbyn 2003). These must all be considered and analyzed in the cumulative effects analyses.

By taking a measured and deliberate approach and considering all of the potential effects based on this new information and these new circumstances, we can hopefully retain these wolves in the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument, which should be the underlying goal of the analysis and consultation.

For Sequoia ForestKeeper, the Kern-Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Sequoia Taskforce of the Sierra Club, the John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute, and the Tule River Conservancy,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'René Voss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

René Voss – Attorney at Law

cc: Ara Marderosian and Alison Sheehey – Sequoia ForestKeeper
Stephen Montgomery – Kern-Kaweah Chapter of Sierra Club
Carla Cloer – Sequoia Task Force of the Sierra Club & Tule River Conservancy
Dr. Chad Hanson – John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute

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SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

Case No.: 300147

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF TULARE
300 East Olive Ave.
Porterville, CA 93257
TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indian Reservation in Tulare County, CA. Estimated volumes by species are: whitered fir @ 1,400 mbf; incense cedar @ 900 mbf; ponderosa & Jeffrey pine @ 150 mbf; sugar pine @ 50 mbf. These quantities are estimated and shall not be construed as a guarantee of the quantity of timber for removal. There is also an undetermined volume of unmerchantable timber that will be available to the purchaser at a fixed rate. Tribal timber is not subject to payment of the state timber yield tax. There are no restrictions on the export of logs originating from this sale. Each sealed bid must state the price per mbf. Net Scriber scale, that will be paid for timber of each species to be harvested as specified by the timber contract. Bid rates for each species must be submitted in both word and numerical form. All bids must be typed with amounts typed out in ink on approved bid forms. No bid will be considered for less than: \$12,000/mbf for whitered fir; \$3,000/mbf for ponderosa & Jeffrey pine (green grade); \$3,000/mbf for sugar pine (green grade); \$1,000/mbf for stain grade pine, all species; and \$40,000/mbf for incense cedar. The right to waive technical defects and to reject any or all bids is expressly reserved. Each sealed bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, bank draft, or money order drawn payable to the Tulare River Tribal Council, or cash, in the amount of \$5,500.00. The deposit of the successful bidder will be applied as part of the purchase price against timber to be cut or will be retained as liquidated damages if the bidder does not

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execute the contract. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. A \$9,000.00 performance bond must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of the award of the contract. The performance bond requirement may be met by the purchaser and higher subcontractors under this contract, of Indians at the same wages as other labor, and in preference to other labor not already in higher employment, whenever Indian labor seeking employment is qualified. A prospectus, sale map, bid forms, and further information regarding the timber, conditions of sale, and submission of bids may be obtained from the Tulare River Tribal Natural Resources Department Office, 1010 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA, 93257 by phone (559) 853-6163 or by email to ian.cummins@tularetribe-nrn.gov, or from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Regional Office, Branch of Forestry, 2900 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA (916) 978-6080. Dated this day of August 7th at Sacramento, CA by Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS:
INVITATION TO BID
WOODVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Woodville Elementary School District is hereby giving Notice to Contractors that sealed bids will be received for the following project:

PUBLIC NOTICE

District Office, 16563 Road 168, Porterville (Woodville), CA.
Aug. 8, 15 #232194

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Josephus Josey III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

Present name: Josephus Josey III
Proposed name: Josephus Josey Duckworth

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 9/05/2023
Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept. 19 SUPERIOR COURT OF

A copy of this Order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Porterville Recorder.

DATED: 07/24/2023
Stephanie Cameron, Clerk

GARY M. JOHNSON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 #228919

PUBLIC NOTICE
TIMBER FOR SALE
TULARE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

WINDY SOUTH FIRE SALVAGE SALE. Tulare River Indian Reservation. Sealed bids, in duplicate, on forms provided thereon, marked outside Bid for timber, Windy South Fire Salvage Sale, to be opened at 2:00 PM, August 29th, 2023, and addressed to Ian Cummins, Tribal Forester, Tulare River Indian Reservation, 340 North Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257, will be received until 2:00 PM local time, August 29th, 2023. The sale contains approximately 2,500 mbf of sawing conifer timber located on the Tulare River

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Site and utility work for the Relocation of three modular preschool classrooms

Contract documents may be examined and/or obtained electronically through the Architect, 1736 S Central St., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 738-0309, Monday through Friday, between 9am and 5pm, or at the Tulare-Kings County Builders Exchange (Visalia), the Central Valley Builders Exchange (Fresno), Kern County Builders Exchange (Bakersfield), or McGraw Hill Dodge (Sacramento). Files may be obtained by contacting the Architect, Doug Janzen, at doug@dkjarchitects.com, Dwayne Allen dwayne@dkjarchitects.com or Tiffany Ford at tiffany@dkjarchitects.com.

Prevailing wages and registration with the DIR is required. The project requires a B-License Classification.

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference has been scheduled for Thursday August 17, 2023 at 1:00pm, at the project site: 16541 Road 168, Porterville, CA 93257. Hard Copy BIDS in a sealed envelope will be due prior to 11:00AM [PST] on Thursday Aug 24, 2023 at the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FBN NUMBER: 2023-0001332

Fictitious Business Name

THE MODERN SAVAGE

Business Address: 2311 W. Orange Ave Porterville Ca 93257

Registrant Address(es) Miller, Amanda 2311 W. Orange Ave Porterville Ca 93257

Miller, Shane William 2311 W. Orange Ave Porterville Ca 93257

Began Transacting Business: 7/18/2023

Statement Expires On: 7/18/2028

A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

Business is conducted by: A Married Couple

Signed: Shane W. Miller

This statement was filed in the office of Tara Freitas, CPA, County Clerk of Tulare County on July 18, 2023 by Rosana Ibarra, Deputy Clerk.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from questions to famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands to another.

"V S H B N P N G X Y W R T N Z F X D T I X D T C
L E D X E X D S W N O M J T X N D
H E G P W E S D M I W . R T X D T D T C ."
— B T N O J H I D D I C N Z T

Previous Solution: "Anxiety is part of creativity ... the need to be rid of something or to get in touch with something within." — David Duchovny

TODAY'S CLUE: www.celebritycipher.com

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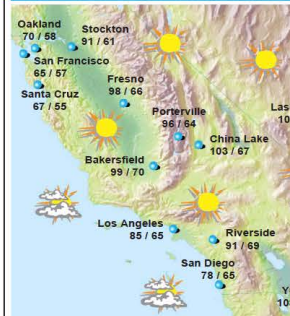
5-Day Forecast for Porterville

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny 96°	Clear 64°	Mostly Sunny 92° 66°	Partly Cloudy 91° 67°	Mostly Sunny 90° 65°	Sunny 93° 67°

Almanac

Porterville Mt. Airport through 3 p.m. Yesterday	Barometer:
Temperature:	8 a.m. yesterday 29.94°
High 100	Sunrise time:
Low 71	(at midnight)
Avg high/low 85.5	Pool elevation 865.32
Precipitation	Storage (ac ft) 67,299
Precipitation 0.00	Inflow (cfs) 33
Season 15.93	Tide release 574
Normal 11.04°	Pioneer Ditch 0.54 ft.

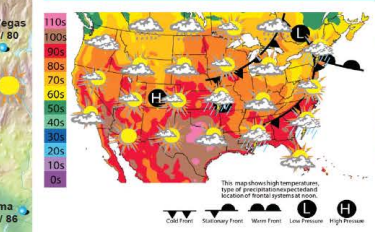
Regional Weather Forecast



Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 96°, humidity of 28%. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph. The record high temperature for today is 112° set in 1908. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 64°. South wind 3 to 11 mph. The record low for tonight is 54° set in 1935. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 92°, humidity of 30%.

National Map for Aug. 8, 2023



Air Quality Index

Today:	90 (Moderate)
0-50:	Good
51-100:	Moderate
101-150:	Unhealthy (sensitive)
151-200:	Unhealthy
201-300:	Very Unhealthy
301-500:	Hazardous

UV Index

UV Index for 3 periods of the day:	
8 a.m.	1
Noon	9
4 p.m.	4
0-2: Minimal	
3-4: Low	
5-6: Moderate	
7-8: High	
9+: Very High	

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:09 a.m.
Sunset today	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:53 p.m.
Moonset today	2:02 p.m.

Around Our State

City	Today		Wednesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bakersfield	99	70	93	72
China Lake	103	67	99	70
Death Valley	115	85	112	87
Edwards AFB	96	65	92	64
Eureka	65	55	67	58
Fresno	98	66	94	66
Los Angeles	85	65	82	61
Modesto	94	61	92	63

The Nation

City	Today		Wednesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	89	70	90	73
Boston	84	66	83	67
Cincinnati	84	65	86	68
Cleveland	80	66	84	67
Dallas	104	61	106	62
Denver	87	66	85	69
Phoenix	107	89	106	87
Syracuse	74	62	83	68
Washington, DC	84	67	89	70

The World

City	Today		Wednesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	63	57	67	54
Beijing	86	74	88	77
Berlin	68	54	69	54
Hong Kong	69	65	81	68
Jerusalem	66	67	88	66
London	63	55	66	54
Mexico City	80	59	80	66
Montreal	69	63	77	57
Rome	87	67	87	67
Seoul	82	74	88	74
Singapore	86	82	85	82

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