

REPUBLICANS ARE CUTTING FOREST PROTECTIONS

Use of Categorical Exclusions in sensitive areas broadened

Aug. 23 '02

Revisions proposed for public participation in forest planning

Nov. 27

Consideration of Endangered Species Act consultations on fuel reduction projects expedited.

Dec. 10

Suggestions to 'improve and focus' environmental assessments

Dec. 11

Proposed exemption of hazardous fuels reduction projects from NEPA

Dec. 16

Proposed changes to the Forest Service and BLM appeals process

Dec. 18

New proposed Categorical Exclusion regulations for timber sales

Jan. 3 '03

GOP budget requested \$1.6 billion less in fire management than was allocated in '02

Feb. 4

Congress approved legislation allowing for unlimited stewardship contracting authority.

Feb. 13

Logging level in California's national forests double after changes to the Sierra Nevada Framework

March 19

Changes proposed to Northwest Forest Plan Aquatic Conservation Strategy that remove critical environmental standards

April 1

Forest Service considers not accepting form e-mails as legitimate comments on forest management plans, amendments or revisions

April 28