



PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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Government:

Pala Band of Mission Indians

Action:

Notice of intent to prepare a fire management plan for the Pala Indian Reservation.

Summary:

This document provides notice that the Pala Band of Mission Indians intends to prepare a Fire Management Plan (PFMP) with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pala Indian Reservation in Pala, California.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), this plan will comply with the Department of Interior (DOI) Departmental Manual Part 620: Wildland Fire Management (See Appendix B), and the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2019 documents and summarizes authorities, policies and responsibilities. The plan will continue to support goals in other tribal land management documents including the Pala Band's Forest Management Plan revised adopted in 2013.

The Pala Indian Reservation contains approximately 13,111 acres of trust land including over 1500 acres of designated forest land (excluding thousands of acres of shrub land). The plan allows for the safe and effective management of fire of all types on the Pala Indian Reservation.

Dates:

This notice initiates the public scoping process for the Pala Fire Management Plan and associated Environmental Assessment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until May 30, 2021. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local media and on the Pala Band of Mission Indians' website. In order to be considered in the Draft EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The Pala Band may provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EA.

Addresses:

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the PFMP by the following methods:

- Electronically to: jzagarella@palatribe.com
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Supplemental Information

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