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Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Court Action Filed by State to Protect California's Forests

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement after the state today filed a U.S. District Court complaint contesting four Southern California forest management plans. In August 2007, the United States Forest Service denied California's appeals of management plans for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests.

"Protecting California's forests and wildlands has been a priority of my administration since my first day in office. I have said many times how important it is that we keep these cherished and valuable lands free from unnecessary and damaging roadways.

"Today, in the face of threats, we are forced to once again stand up for California's forests. Despite repeated attempts to ensure that the United States Forest Service honor its written assurance that California's roadless areas would be protected they have failed to do so.

"Under my administration, California's forests will be safeguarded. The court action filed today by my Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman to hold the Forest Service accountable to its word and to the law is a testament to that commitment. The people of California deserve nothing less."

Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman filed the complaint, through the Attorney General's Office, challenging the four Southern California forest plans after the federal government denied the Agency's appeal. Governor Schwarzenegger has been tireless in his efforts to protect California's forests, consistently advocating that "roadless areas in California will remain roadless."

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