

### Ecosystem Management Coordination



#### Court Decisions

1. Nothing to report.

#### Litigation Update

1. None to report.

#### New Cases

1. None to report.

#### Notices of Intent

1. Recreation & Wildlife | Region 5

The Los Padres ForestWatch filed a notice of intent to sue (NOI) alleging the agency's "failure to close the Los Padres National Forest to unmanaged target shooting and allow target shooting only in designated areas, and reliance on a legally flawed biological opinion" violates the Endangered Species Act. The party claims that there is a provision in the Los Padres' forest plan, Standard 36 that requires the agency to close the forest to unmanaged target shooting and to allow target shooting only in designated areas and ranges. This closure, according to the NOI, "[w]as an explicit condition precedent for the 'no jeopardy' determination made by U.S. Fish and Wildlife in its applicable biological opinion." According to the NOI the Forest Service has failed to implement this provision and as such needs to either close the Forest to unmanaged target shooting and allow target shooting only in designated areas and rangers, or rein initiate and complete new consultation.

#### Natural Resource Management Decisions Involving Other Agencies

1. None to report.

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