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Dear Mr. Colton:

SDG&E's January 24, 2012 request to continue work until 1:00 PM (1300hours) on level Ev Project Activity Level (PAL) days has been reviewed by Forest Service staff assigned to the project.

You may work at the sites listed below until 1:00 PM on PAL D days for welding operations and Ev days for all other operations under the following conditions: 1) Compliance with the Special Use Permit Fire Plan (Exhibit 9); 2) Adherence to the January 12, 2012 remedy requirements agreed to by SDG&E in response to the Forest Service notice of non-compliance issued January 7, 2012. A copy of this variance letter and the Fire Plan will be available at each worksite.

The following operations may proceed until 1:00 PM on PAL D and Ev days as defined below under the cumulative restrictions of PAL from A through Ev and use of the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site: One 2000 to 4000 gallon water truck; a full time fire watch with a type 6 brush patrol carrying a minimum of 300 gallons of water or water trailer with a minimum of 300 gallons of water as described in Section 3 of the Fire Plan; an attended charged one inch or greater fire hose able to reach 100 feet beyond the work area will be utilized with wetting of the work area before, during, and after operations; appropriate fire tools as stated in Section 3 of the Fire Plan will be kept within 25 feet of operations at all times. All fire equipment is to remain on site during operations and at least two hours past the end of the work day. A Fire Marshal will personally inspect and assure Fire Plan compliance and will be the only person authorized to make notification to Cleveland National Forest Emergency Communications Center (ECC) prior to start of any welding operations. The fire marshal will patrol the area and monitor weather conditions.

Welding and Non-welding installation of Gate and barriers at work site: CP99-2; EP9-1; EP11-3; EP24-1; EP35-1; EP36-1; EP74-1; EP113-5; EP116-1; West of EP116-1; EP125, EP126-1, EP127, EP129, EP 130-1; EP131, CP69-3 and EP141 (Note: USFS permit required for welding, cutting, or grinding. Permit valid only on PAL days A-D) and must be compliant with Sections 3, 4 and Attachment 1 of the Fire Plan for welding **No variance for PAL Ev**. Materials used for gates and barriers shall be installed as agreed upon by the Forest Service. Vegetation two inches in diameter or greater shall be cleared by hand with above ground stems 6-8 inches long and an intact root system left in place. All other vegetation shall be cleared in accordance with the Forest Service issued welding permit.



The following operations may proceed until 1:00 PM on PAL Ev days under the cumulative restrictions of PAL from A through Ev and use of the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site: A fly box or fire box equipped with hand tools as described in section 3 of the Fire Plan for crews larger than three (3) people; a designated Fire Patrol may be used but must be knowledgeable of and make sure all Regulations and Project Fire Plan conditions are met for the activity, able to take suppression actions if necessary and patrol all active work sites for two hours after the end of work activity. There will be at least one shovel and One Pulaski plus and an additional shovel for the third (3rd) crew person along with 2- 5 gallon back pack pumps readily available within 25 feet of the work area.

- 1) **Installation, maintenance of BMP's at all sites:** Approved: throughout the project area wherever BMP installation and maintenance is required. Helicopter use is allowed.
- 2) **Mobilization/Removal of Equipment from Micro pile sites by helicopter:** Approved project wide.
- 3) **Hydro mulching:** Approved project wide at vehicle accessible project areas where slope stabilization is necessary.
- 4) **Hazmat spill cleanup:** (Non- mechanized) approved project wide.

The following operations may proceed until 1:00 PM on PAL Ev days under the cumulative restrictions of PAL from A through Ev and use of the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site: A designated Fire Patrol may be used but must be knowledgeable of and make sure all Regulations and Project Fire Plan conditions are met for the activity, and able to take suppression actions if necessary. There will be at least one shovel and One Pulaski plus an additional equal number of shovels and Pulaski's for each crew person along with 2- 5 gallon back pack pumps readily available within 25 feet of the work area.

- 5) **Inspection and Maintenance of BMP's Including helicopter accessible sites:** (Non-mechanical). Approved Project wide.

All SDG&E activities are subject to the PAL for Forest Service Area 685, the terms and conditions of the special use permit, project plans, and exhibits. Variances may be issued to SDG&E before the close of business every Thursday. This variance is good for the period of January 27th thru February 2nd 2012. All previous Forest Service Fire Plan variance approval letters are rescinded and no longer valid. This variance may be rescinded at anytime by the Forest Service. If you have questions please contact Brian Paul, Sunrise Project Manager at (619) 445-6235.

Sincerely,



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