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The proposed action on a Unified Federal Policy for watersheds has to this point, failed to properly consider public input. First, land users and property owners that may be affected by this have not been notified nor given a valid opportunity for review and input to the action considered. Second, our most effective public input process, the Congress, has been bypassed in the process. The interpretation to extend the meaning and intent of the Clean Water Act to include "watersheds" brings a potential level of impact to the Act that may not be within the original intent of Congress. The proper way to ensure that the USFS is acting within its authority rather than beyond it is to bring the proposed action back before Congress for review and Congressional direction. In addition, an action of this magnitude reasonably requires the USFS to make a diligent effort to obtain public input. I am a regular user of recreational lands within the National Forests and am an owner of private property contained within the Angeles national Forest. My water source is one of those affected by your intended actions. I believe the failure to notify me and other citizens in a timely manner of your intended actions with respect broadening the interpretation of the Clean Water Act requires the USFS to delay any change in policy or action to be taken until public input through The Congress and direct from affected citizens is obtained in good faith.

Thank yo for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ned McNabb

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