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Non-native plants are invading the national parks at an increasing rate, causing damage to resources and threatening the integrity of the natural ecosystems the National Park Service is charged with protecting. Aggressive invasive plants are capable of spreading rapidly, out-competing native plants and drastically altering ecosystem conditions and processes. They can also threaten the integrity of cultural sites and historic structures.

To address this issue, the National Park Service is developing a joint Invasive Plant Management Plan (IPMP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Redwood National Park and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The IPMP would provide flexibility to use the most effective tools to combat the invasion and spread of non-native plants. The parks would like to invite the public to join in this effort.

Public input will be a key component in this planning effort, and in the successful development of the IPMP. Local, regional and nation-wide public participation is encouraged. Please check the "Plan Process" and "Meeting Notices" section of this webpage for details and dates for public meetings that are part of the NEPA process.

10/18/2013: The public comment period on preliminary alternatives and issues outlined in the August 2013 newsletter concluded on October 1, 2013. NPS staff are now reviewing the input and refining the alternatives for analysis in the EA. We thank everyone for your participation at the scoping meetings held in August and September, and for the comments submitted at this website. Please see the August 2013 newsletter timeline for preparing the draft EA and plan. The next opportunity for public comment will be after the draft EA and plan are published.

Thank you for your interest in Redwood National Park and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area!

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