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**EXTENSION OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION COMMENT PERIOD**

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**FROM:** San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department  
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**TO:** Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation and Notice of Intent Comment Period Extended for the Omya Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries Expansion Project.

The County of San Bernardino (County) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) are extending the Notice of Preparation and Notice of Intent public review and comment period for the Butterfield and Sentinel Quarries Expansion Project (Project). Comments are due by June 7, 2013.

The County's website was updated to include the original joint Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent, Initial Study, proposed Amended Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan along with associated technical studies.

The SBNF's website was updated to include the Notice of Intent, joint Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent, the proposed Amended Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan and the technical studies associated with the project. All documents can be downloaded at the following websites:

<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/NoticesDeterminations/Desert.aspx>

and

<http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=32613>

**Project Title:** Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries Expansion Project (Project)

**Project Applicant:** Omya California, a division of Omya Inc.

**Project Description:** Omya California (Omya) has submitted the following:

- A Mining and Land Reclamation Plan Conditional Use Permit application submitted to the County of San Bernardino; and
- An Amended Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan submitted to the Forest Service.

Combined, these applications propose the expansion of the existing Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries. The existing permitted Sentinel and Butterfield limestone quarries are located on mining claims within the SBNF. Known limestone ore resources, within the proposed quarry expansions, will add an additional 20 years life to the Sentinel Quarry, add an additional 40 years life to the Butterfield Quarry, and will allow mining at both quarries to be extended until 2055. Depending on market demand, the combined Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries average ore production rates will be approximately 680,000 tons per year compared to the 3-year average between 2004 – 2006 of approximately 378,000 tons per year. Reclamation will occur concurrently with mining. The proposed expansion includes 48.7 acres of

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disturbance at the Sentinel Quarry and 28.8 acres of disturbance at the Butterfield Quarry, for a total of 77.3 acres. Quarry development and expansion will be phased. Disturbance proposed for the Project includes expansion of existing Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries, expansion of existing associated overburden placement sites, additional internal access roads and ancillary facility areas, and minor adjustments to existing disturbance boundaries. There are no new quarries, haul roads or overburden sites in this plan, only the phased expanded development and reclamation of the existing Sentinel and Butterfield Quarries.

**Contact Information**

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