Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Biomass to Energy: A Life Cycle Approach to Forest Management for Wildfire Reduction, Energy Production and Other Benefits

[ ] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: USDA Forest Service

[x] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: The report provides an economic and policy analysis of utilizing biomass obtained from forest management for energy and can be the basis for policy setting. The report is precedent setting and will be of significant interest to the State, federal agencies, and the private sector.

Purpose of Report: To report to the California Energy Commission, Public Interest Energy Research Program findings from this study

Type of Review: [X] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: July 2008 End: Sept 1, 2008 Completed: Sept 15, 2008

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [ ] 4 to 10 [X] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:

Experts in areas of fire, energy, life cycle analysis, forest carbon cycling and biomass utilization

Reviewers selected by: [ ] Agency [x] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: The California Energy Commission

The California Energy Commission will conduct a rigorous peer review process before the document is published.

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [x] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [x] No

Other: Experts selected for the Technical Advisory Committee at the initiation of the project were asked to review the document and provide review comments based on their disciplines and expertise.