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**RE: Open Letter to U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman & Mendocino County Board of Supervisors**

The U.S. Forest Service in the State of Washington intends to issue a permit to the U.S. Navy to conduct Electronic Warfare ground and aerial exercises in the Olympic National Forest. If the U.S. Forest Service issues this permit it opens the door for the U.S. Navy to use public national forest lands for this type of activity in California.

I believe that this violates the U.S. Forest Service mandate to protect our national forests lands. If approved the Navy flights over forest lands using ground-based electronic and electromagnetic activities will restrict public use of these lands and also may negatively impact wildlife and native vegetation. Once the Navy and the National Forest Service opens the door for this type of experimental testing activity in Washington, California national forests could be next.

- 1) U.S. Navy Electronic Warfare Testing – Public Comment & Question Deadline: November 28, 2014 U.S. Navy & U.S. Forest Service Website Documents & Public Comments:  
<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=42759>
- 2) The Department of the Navy (Navy) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Washington. Many of these flights will be over the Olympic National Forest Lands - Public Comment Due by January 9, 2015: <http://www.whidbeyeis.com/Default.aspx>

Please take action today to protect California National Forest Lands from these types of Navy activities. I encourage the public to oppose this action by the U.S. Forest Service.

**Respectfully,**

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