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7 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 DENNIS D. MURPHY  
10 Plaintiff,

v.

11 UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE;  
TOM TIDWELL, in his official capacity as  
12 Chief of the United States Forest Service;  
and NANCY J. GIBSON, in her official  
13 capacity as Forest Supervisor of the United  
States Forest Service,  
14 Defendants  
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CASE NO. 13-cv-02315-GEB-AC

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
RESPOND TO COMPLAINT**

16 Plaintiff served its Complaint in this matter on November 13, 2013. Pursuant to Federal Rule of  
17 Civil Procedure 4(i), Defendants' responsive pleading was due on January 13, 2014. The parties  
18 stipulated to an extension of 15 days, up to and including January 28, 2014, for Defendants to respond.  
19 In submitting the Joint Status Report, Plaintiff indicated that he would amend their Complaint to add  
20 claims, and filed a First Amended Complaint on February 6, 2014. (Dkt. No. 13) Defendants' response  
21 is presently due on or about February 20, 2014. The Court entered a Scheduling Order in this matter  
22 requiring Plaintiff to file a motion for summary judgment on or before September 22, 2014, and  
23 Defendants' to file any cross-motion by October 20, 2014. (Dkt. No. 14).

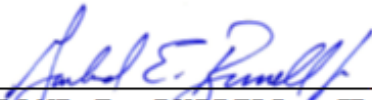
24 Since the filing of the Joint Status Report, the parties have engaged in settlement talks and have  
25 exchanged drafts of a written term sheet. Although there are still areas of disagreement, the parties have  
26 advanced discussions considerably and anticipate that a resolution may be possible without further  
27 litigation. Resolution without further use of the Court's resources would appear to be good cause to  
28 further extend the time for Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.



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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: February 25, 2014

  
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GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.  
Senior United States District Judge