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Sierra Club pans forest projects

Building a reservoir, power lines and perhaps a traffic tunnel through Cleveland National Forest would shatter the ecosystem and the peacefulness of the mountains east of Orange County, the Sierra Club said in a report released Wednesday.

All three projects have been proposed for the Trabuco District of the forest, which borders Orange County. The Sierra Club report questions building proposals in several Southern California forests.

"The Trabuco District is unfortunately an example of precisely those pressures that are threatening to carve up the forest," said Bill Corcoran, the Sierra Club's senior regional representative.

The full report can be read at www.sierraclub.org/ca/socalforests/threats.pdf.

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