

1.8 miles of new road construction and 4.5 miles of temporary construction are proposed. The 3,100 acres of proposed activities are located in the eastern two-thirds of the analysis area, primarily west of State Highway 89 and south of Fiberboard road.

In preparing the environmental impact statement, the Forest Service will identify and analyze a range of alternatives that address the issues developed for this area. One of the alternatives will be no treatment. Other alternatives will consider differing levels of implementation of commercial timber stand thinning treatments, fuels reduction, pre-commercial thinning in plantations, watershed restoration, road obliteration, wildlife habitat improvement, and new road construction and reconstruction. An ecological approach will be used to achieve multiple-use management of the Liberty Analysis area. It also means that the needs of people and environmental values will be blended in a such way that this area's desired condition would represent a diverse, healthy, productive, and sustainable ecosystem.

Public participation will be important during the analysis, especially during the review of the draft environmental impact statement. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues.
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis.
4. Exploring additional alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

The following list of issues has been identified through initial scoping:

- (1) To what extent can the potential for future large, catastrophic wildfires be reduced within the project area?
- (2) To what extent can the forest health be restored within the project area?
- (3) What level of timber commodities could be removed economically from the forest health restoration projects?

(4) To what extent will long-term soil productivity be affected by equipment compaction by the proposed activities.

(5) To what extent will water quality in the Truckee River watershed be affected by proposed activities? To what extent will cumulative watershed effects, e.g., channel erosion, stream sedimentation, occur and what opportunities exist to reduce or mitigate these potential effects?

Comments from other Federal, State and local agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested in, or affected by the decision, are encouraged to identify other significant issues. Public participation will be solicited through mailing letters to potentially interested or affected mining claim owners, private land owners, and special use permittees on the Sierraville Ranger District; posting information in local towns; and mailing letters to local timber industries, politicians, school boards, county supervisors, and environmental groups. Continued participation will be emphasized through individual contacts. Public meetings, depending on interest, will be used as a method of public involvement during preparation and review of the draft environmental impact statement and will be announced in newspapers of general circulation in the geographic area well in advance of scheduled dates.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by June, 1997. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived on dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of the court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections

are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The final EIS is expected to be available by August, 1997. The responsible official is John H. Skinner, Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

**John H. Skinner,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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#### **Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, April 17, 1997. The meeting will be held at the Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor's Office; 16400 Champion Way; Sandy, Oregon 97055; phone (503) 688-1700. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. Topics tentatively scheduled on the agenda include: (1) A panel addressing recreation, tourism issues related to the Northwest Forest Plan; (2) A PAC discussion of recreation related issues; (3) Brief updates on the status of proposals from the February PAC meeting (Monitoring and Little Sandy Watershed Subcommittees); and (4) Roundtable Information Sharing.

The meeting is open to the public and opportunity will be available to address the Advisory Committee during the public forum. The public forum is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations to the committee will be limited to 3-5 minutes each. Written comments are encouraged and can be submitted prior to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest, 211 East Seventh Avenue; Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

**Darrel L. Kenops,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### Commodities

Bath Puff  
M.R. 566

*NPA:* Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, Mississippi

Scourer, Copper  
M.R. 505

*NPA:* Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida

Towels, Seasonal  
M.R. 1009

*NPA:* Chester County Branch of the PAB, Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Business Cards

7510-00-NIB-0240 (1000 to box)

7510-00-NIB-0265 (500 to box)

7510-00-NIB-0266 (250 to box)

*NPA:* The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., Seattle, Washington

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7530-01-364-9505

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*NPA:* Lions Club Industries, Inc., Durham, North Carolina

#### Service

Janitorial/Custodial  
Mare Island Naval Shipyard  
Vallejo, California

*NPA:* V-Bar Enterprises, Inc., Suisun City, California

**E.R. Alley, Jr.,**

Deputy Executive Director.

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## Procurement List Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 22, 1996, January 7, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 59401, 62 FR 964, 1429, 2644, 3658, 4721, and 5797) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were: 1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.