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The Forest Service is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, and local, state, and Federal agencies who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. Scoping notices have been sent to potentially affected persons and those currently on the Dixie National Forest mailing list that have expressed interest in timber management proposals, proposals relating to wildlife habitat modifications and Forest Plan amendments. Other interested individuals, organizations, or agencies may have their names added to the mailing list for this project at any time by submitting a request to: Phillip G. Eisenhauer, Project Environmental Coordinator, 82 North 100 East, P.O. Box 627, Cedar City, UT 84720-0627.

The analysis area includes both National Forest System lands and private lands. Proposed treatments would occur only on National Forest system lands. No federal or local permits, licenses or entitlements would be needed.

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 the DEIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could have been raised at the DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these 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 the time 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 about the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the

adequacy of the statement 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.

Dated: June 13, 1997.

Hugh C. Thompson,

Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

I-90 Land Exchange, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County, WA; Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, King and Pierce Counties, WA; and Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz, Lewis, and Skamania Counties, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On April 28, 1997, a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the I-90 Land Exchange with the Plum Creek Lumber Company, Limited Partnership, was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 22906). This notice announced the responsible official as Judith E. Levin, Director of Recreation, Lands, and Mineral Resources, Pacific Northwest Region. The responsibility for this Land Exchange EIS and decision has been delegated to the Forest Supervisors of the Wenatchee, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Johnston, Assistant Land Staff Officer, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, phone 509-664-2789.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Cathrine L. Beaty,

Acting Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Delegation of Authority to Regional Director of Recreation, Lands, and Mineral Resource, Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon and Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service has delegated authority to the Regional Director of Recreation, Lands, and Mineral Resources to issue all easements under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1761). The delegation is being issued in a Regional Supplement to the Forest Service Manual 2700, Special Use Management, Section 2704, Responsibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the exercise of this delegation may be addressed to Jim Galaba, Special Uses Manager, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA, Forest Service, 333 S.W. First Street, Portland, Oregon 97208, phone 503-808-2458.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Cathrine L. Beaty,

Acting Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama

AGENCY: Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alabama, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Alabama for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRC in Alabama to issue conservation practice standard, Well Decommissioning (Code 351) Section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Ronnie D. Murphy, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 3381

Skyway Drive, P.O. Box 311, Auburn, AL 36830. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Alabama will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Alabama regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination on change will be made.

Ray Donaldson,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Auburn, Alabama.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Florida

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Florida, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Florida for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Florida to issue the following revised conservation practice standards for Florida: Prescribed Grazing, (Code 528A), Fence, (Code 382); Critical Area Planting, (Code 342); Nutrient Management, (Code 590); Riparian Forest Buffer, (Code 391); Pond, (Code 378); Irrigation System, Trickle (Code 441); and Waste Storage Facility (Code 313) in Section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to T. Niles Glasgow, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 141510, Gainesville, Florida 32614-1510. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Florida will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Florida regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

R.A. Balduzzi,

Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Gainesville, Florida.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nevada

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Nevada, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG for the NRCS in Nevada for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Nevada to issue revised conservation practice standards and specifications for Forest Harvest Trails and Landings (Code 655); Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666); Forest Site Preparation (Code 490); Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612); Tree/Shrub Pruning (Code 660); and Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Code 380) in Section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to William D. Goddard, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 5301 Longley Lane, Bldg F, STE 201, Reno, NV 89511. Copies of the practice standards and specifications will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after

enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Nevada will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Nevada regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

John R. Capurro

State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Reno, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Quarterly Financial Reports (QFR).

Form Number(s): QFR-101(MG), QFR-101A(MG), QFR-102(TR), QFR-103(NB).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0432.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 79,524 hours.

Number of Respondents: 13,450.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 2.034 hours.

Needs and Uses: The QFR program is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to calculation of key government measures of national economic performance. The QFR program provides timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for gauging quarterly performance of the nonregulated, domestic corporate sector for use by government and private-sector organizations and individuals. Primary users of QFR data are governmental organizations charged with economic policymaking responsibilities. Other data users include foreign countries, universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations.

The Bureau of the Census requests approval to revise three of four data collection forms it uses in its Quarterly