

drivable following reactivities; however, snowmobile use may continue to occur on these roads until they are reclaimed by development of trees and shrubs. Some individuals are concerned that public access is already overly restricted. Most of the roads proposed for restoration are currently closed year long to motor vehicles except open to snow vehicles from 12/1 to 4/30. What effect would restoration effects have on public access to recreational areas?

Grizzly Bear: A portion of the project area is in grizzly bear habitat. Specifically, road restoration and timber harvest is proposed within the Cabinet/Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Area. What effect would proposed activities have on the threatened grizzly bear?

Water Quality and Fisheries Habitat: Water quality and fisheries habitat is expected to be improved with the implementation of proposed activities (road restoration, log placement). Some individuals have expressed concerns regarding project effects (potential short term sediment reaching Pipe Creek) to water quality and bull trout recovery as Pipe Creek is a bull trout priority watershed. What effects would the proposed actions have on water quality and bull trout habitat?

Noxious Weeds: Knapweed and other noxious weed species are present along many roads within the project area. Some individuals are concerned about the spread of noxious weeds and the effects to native vegetation.

Timber Supply and Economics: Some individuals are concerned that the Forest Service is not placing enough emphasis on providing forest products to the local communities. How will the proposed activities affect timber supplies and produce economic benefits to local communities?

Public Involvement and Scoping

In March of 1997, preliminary efforts were made to involve the public in looking at opportunities for management and restoration of the larger Pipestone area. Public involvement has included several informational letters, public notices in local and regional newspapers and two field trips.

Taking into account the comments received and information gathered during preliminary analysis, it was decided to prepare an EIS for the Upper Pipe Creek timber sale and associated activities. Comments received prior to this notice will be included in the documentation for the EIS.

This environmental analysis and decision making process will enable additional interested and affected people to participate and contribute to

the final decision. The public is encouraged to take part in the process and is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, Tribes, 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 and final EIS. The scoping process will assist in:

- Identifying potential issues.
- Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth.
- Identifying alternatives to the proposed action.
- Considering additional alternatives which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.

Estimated Dates for Filing

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by March, 1999. At that time, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by June of 1999. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the Draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

Reviewers Obligations

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 environmental impact statement stage may be waived or 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 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 objectives are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider 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 environmental impact statement 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 draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed. 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.

Responsible Official

The Kootenai National Forest, Forest Supervisor, 1101 U.S. Hwy 2 West, Kootenai National Forest, Libby, Montana 59923, is the Responsible Official. The Responsible Official will decide which, if any, of the proposed projects will be implemented. This decision will be document reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

Mark L. Romey,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on January 28, 1999, at the Siuslaw National Forest, 4077 Research Way, Corvallis, OR. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) 15 percent late-successional rule, (2)

Siuslaw National Forest matrix harvest, (3) implementation monitoring, (4) water quality management plan, (5) Swiss needlecast, and (6) PAC rechartering. Committee meetings are open to the public. One 30-minute open public forum is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Jose Linares, Strategic Planning Staff Officer, Siuslaw National Forest (541-570-7018), or write to the Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97339.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

James R. Furnish,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from 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, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 11, October 30, November 6 and 16, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (63 F.R. 48696, 58362, 59936 and 63670) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

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.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Targets

6920-01-NSH-9020

6920-01-NSH-9021

6920-01-NSH-9022

Services

Food Service Attendant

U.S. Coast Guard, 259 High Street, South Portland, Maine

Janitorial/Custodial

Federal Bureau of Prisons HOLC

Federal Building, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, DC

Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance

U.S. Courthouse and Federal

Building, Carleton Avenue & North Spur Drive, Central Islip, Long Island, New York

Microfilming

Department of Treasury, Financial Management Services, Hyattsville, Maryland

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Deletions

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 may not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

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

3. The action may 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 deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodities and service listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following commodities and service are hereby deleted from the Procurement List:

Commodities

Block, Currency Packing

BEP Stock # L-1391

Bedspring

7210-00-728-0182

7210-00-728-0183

7210-00-728-0180

Cover, Mattress

7210-00-171-1091

7210-00-998-7745

Service

Laundry Service

Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Washington

Louis R. Bartalot

Deputy Director (Operations).

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies