

In addition to the "No Action" alternative, five action alternatives have been identified for consideration:

- An alternative that would include both road removal and timber harvest, utilizing small harvest openings that would not result in any increase in water yields.
- An alternative that would include both road removal and timber harvest, creating harvest openings of at least 5 acres in the rain-on-snow zones, to minimize increases in water yields while creating openings large enough to re-establish seral species such as white pine and western larch.
- An alternative that would include both road removal and timber harvest, simulating historical disturbance patterns which involve patches larger than 5 acres. These larger harvest units would be more economically efficient in terms of harvest and reforestation costs.
- An alternative designed to resemble a "pulse" event such as a large fire, by harvesting at least 1,000 acres in one general area, leaving islands or structure similar to the mosaic found after a fire. This approach would start the trend toward more resilient timber stands with longer-lived seral species, and would result in less fragmentation of stands than would harvest utilizing smaller openings in greater number.
- An alternative that would accomplish watershed rehabilitation work, without timber harvest activities.

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process will be used to:

- (1) Identify additional potential issues;
- (2) Eliminate minor issues or those issues which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis;
- (3) Identify additional alternatives to the proposed action;
- (4) Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (*i.e.*, direct, indirect and cumulative effects).

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, which is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review in March 2000. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the public 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, and local agencies, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this proposal. District Ranger Susan Jeheber-Matthews is the responsible official.

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage 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.C. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *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 a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

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 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: December 15, 1999.

**Susan Jeheber-Matthews**,  
District Ranger.

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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 20, 2000, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (Meeting Room #9), 2030 S. Marine Science Drive, Newport, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Information sharing among PAC Members, (2) background will be provided on NW Forest Plan/aquatic strategies, and (3) will develop action plan for meetings in 2000. Two 15-minute open public forums are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 3:45 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:** Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest (541-750-7075), or write to the Acting Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, Oregon 97339.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

**Jose L. Linares**,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Depatee Creek Watershed, Independence and Jackson Counties, Arkansas

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** Kalven L. Trice, responsible Federal official for projects administered under the provisions of Public Law 83-566, 16 U.S.C. 1001-1008, in the State of Arkansas, is hereby providing notification that a Record of Decision to proceed with the installation of the Depatee Creek Watershed project is available. Single copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from Kalven L. Trice at the address shown.

For further information contact Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist,

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416 Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, telephone 501-301-3100.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials).

Dated: December 17, 1999.

**Kalven L. Trice,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

The United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board announces that it will convene a Public Meeting beginning at 10 a.m. local time on January 10, 2000 at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Courtroom B, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Topics to be discussed at the meeting will include: management changes, status of reports to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, preparations for the FY2001 budget, interim incident selection plan, incident investigation protocol, status of on-going investigations, review of notation items, proposed Federal Regulations regarding CSB quorum, voting procedures and compliance with the Government under the Sunshine Act, CSB mission statement, schedule of future public meetings, and review of Year 2000 technology problems and chemical safety. The meeting will be open to the

public. The ITC office is a secure federal building requiring photo identification for public admission. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's Office of External Relations, (202)-261-7600, or visit our website at: [www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov).

**Christopher W. Warner,**

*General Counsel.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, January 14, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

#### STATUS:

##### Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 1999 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. State Advisory Committee Appointments for Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota (Interim) and Nebraska
- VI. Program Planning
- VII. Future Agenda Items

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION:** David Aronson, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312

**Ruby G. Moy,**

*Staff Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Initiation of five-year ("Sunset") reviews.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("sunset") reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notices of *Institution of Five-Year Reviews* covering these same orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa G. Skinner, or Mark Young, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-1560 or (202) 482-3207, respectively, or Vera Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3176.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218 (see *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998)), we are initiating sunset reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations:

DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Product
A-570-830 .....	A-677	China .....	Coumarin
A-351-825 .....	A-678	Brazil .....	Stainless Steel Bar
A-533-810 .....	A-679	India .....	Stainless Steel Bar
A-588-833 .....	A-681	Japan .....	Stainless Steel Bar
A-469-805 .....	A-682	Spain .....	Stainless Steel Bar

## Statute and Regulations

Pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act, an antidumping ("AD") or countervailing duty ("CVD") order will be revoked, or the suspended investigation will be terminated, unless revocation or termination would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of (1) dumping or a countervailable subsidy, and (2) material injury to the domestic industry.

The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations"). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—

*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

#### Filing Information

As a courtesy, we are making information related to sunset proceedings, including copies of the *Sunset Regulations* and *Sunset Policy*