

entirety. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Comments and FS responses will be addressed and contained in the Final EIS.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. 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**.

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 but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 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.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21.

Dated: March 11, 2008.

Larry R. Velarde,

Acting District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on April 4, 2008, at the Aspen Room, Lake Tahoe Community College, One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 4, 2008, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Aspen Room, Lake Tahoe Community College, One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Final recommendation for the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 9 Capital projects; and, (2) Public Hearing. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the Secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any

written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: March 13, 2008.

Gina Thompson,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting is to provide recommendations to the Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region, on which forest restoration grant proposals submitted in response to the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Request For Proposals best meet the objectives of the Community Forest Restoration Act (Title VI, Pub. L. No. 106-393).

DATES: The meeting will be held April 21-25, 2008, beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 21 and ending at approximately 4 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, Tel. 505-884-2511. Written comments should be sent to Walter Dunn, at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to wdunn@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to Walter Dunn at (505) 842-3165.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, or during the Panel meeting at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, Tel. 505-884-2511.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter Dunn, Designated Federal Official, at (505) 842-3425, or Melissa Zaksek, at (505) 842-3289, Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA

Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Individuals who use
telecommunication devices for the deaf
(TDD) may call the Federal Information
Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339
between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern
Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
meeting is open to the public. Panel
discussion is limited to Forest Service
staff and Panel members. However,
project proponents may respond to
questions of clarification from Panel
members or Forest Service staff. Persons
who wish to bring Collaborative Forest
Restoration Program grant proposal
review matters to the attention of the
Panel may file written statements with
the Panel staff before or after the
meeting. Public input sessions will be
provided and individuals who
submitted written statements prior to
the public input sessions will have the
opportunity to address the Panel at
those sessions.

Dated: March 13, 2008.

Faye L. Krueger,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Nonprofit Agency Recordkeeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Committee for Purchase
From People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled (The Committee) is submitting
the collection of information listed
below to OMB for approval under the
provisions of the Paperwork Reduction
Act. This notice solicits comments on
that collection of information.

DATES: The Office of Management and
Budget (OMB) has up to 60 days to
approve or disapprove information
collection but may respond after 30
days. Therefore, to ensure maximum
consideration, your comments should
be received by OMB by April 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be addressed to the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs,
Attention: Desk Officer for the
Committee for Purchase from People

Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled,
Office of Management and Budget, 725
17th Street, NW., Room 10222,
Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are
encouraged to submit responses
electronically by e-mail to:
oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax
to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should
include the following subject line in
their response: "Comment: 3037-0005
Nonprofit Agency Responsibilities." Persons submitting comments
electronically should not submit paper
copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Yandik, Information Management
Specialist, Committee for Purchase
From People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway,
Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800,
Arlington, VA 22202-3259; phone (703)
603-2147; fax (703) 603-0655; or e-mail
rulescomment@abilityone.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office
of Management and Budget (OMB)
regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which
implement provisions of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501
et seq.), require that interested members
of the public and affected agencies have
an opportunity to comment on
information collection and
recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR
1320.8(d)). The Committee is submitting
a request to OMB to renew its approval
of the collection of information for
nonprofit agency responsibilities related
to recordkeeping. The Committee is
requesting a 3-year term of approval for
this information collection activity.

Federal agencies may not conduct or
sponsor, and a person is not required to
respond to, a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid OMB
control number. The OMB control
number for this collection of
information is 3037-0005.

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act
of 1971 (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) is the
authorizing legislation for the
AbilityOne Program. (The name of the
JWOD Program was changed to the
AbilityOne Program on November 28,
2006, **Federal Register** Volume 71,
Number 227, Page 68492-68494). The
AbilityOne Program creates jobs and
training opportunities for people who
are blind or who have other severe
disabilities. Its primary means of doing
so is by requiring Government agencies
to purchase selected products and
services from nonprofit agencies
employing such individuals. The JWOD
Act, through the AbilityOne Program, is
administered by the Committee. Two
national, independent organizations,
National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
and NISH, help State and private

nonprofit agencies participate in the
AbilityOne Program. The implementing
regulations for the JWOD Act, which are
located at 41 CFR Chapter 51, detail the
recordkeeping requirements imposed on
nonprofit agencies participating in the
AbilityOne Program. Section 51-2.4 of
the regulations describes the criteria
that the Committee must consider when
adding a product or service to its
Procurement List. One of these criteria
is that a proposed addition must
demonstrate a potential to generate
employment for people who are blind or
severely disabled. The Committee
decided that evidence that employment
will be generated for those individuals
consists of recordkeeping that tracks
direct labor and revenues for products
or services sold through an AbilityOne
Program contract. This recordkeeping
can be done on each individual
AbilityOne project or by product or
service family. In addition, Section 51-
4.3 of the regulations requires that
nonprofit agencies keep records on
direct labor hours performed by each
worker and keep an individual record or
file for each blind or severely disabled
individual documenting that
individual's disability and capabilities
for competitive employment. The
records that nonprofit agencies must
keep in accordance with Section 51-4.3
of the regulations constitute the bulk of
the hour burden associated with this
OMB control number.

On December 21, 2007, the Committee
published in the **Federal Register**
(Volume 72, Number 245, Pages 72665-
72666) a notice requesting public
comment on these recordkeeping
requirements for 60 days, ending
February 19, 2008. By that date, the
Committee received comments from 44
respondents with a total of 75
comments.

Seven comments were received
opposing the request by indicating that
this is a new recordkeeping
requirement. There is nothing new in
the Committee's request. The Committee
did make a change in its recordkeeping
requirements in 2002 to add
recordkeeping of the direct labor hours
and sales for AbilityOne projects on at
least a product or service family basis.
This change was approved by OMB and
was renewed in 2005. There is no
change to the recordkeeping
requirements that the Committee is
requesting OMB to approve again.

Eight comments were received
questioning the necessity of the
recordkeeping requirement and if it has
any practical utility. The JWOD Act
requires that 75% of the direct labor of
all work done at a participating
nonprofit agency be done by people