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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposal by Alpha Calcit Arizona, Limited, To Operate a Marble Mine; Coronado National Forest, Douglas Ranger District, Cochise County, AZ

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, hereby cancels a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed operation of a marble mine by Alpha Calcit Arizona, Limited. The NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 17, FR 3856-3858). Preparation of this EIS is being terminated because there is presently insufficient data and information to characterize the mineral deposit in terms of quality and quantity and to sufficiently evaluate the proposed Plan of Operation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Ann Ciapusci, Program Leader, Ecosystem Management and Planning, Coronado National Forest, 300 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 388-8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 31, 2001, the project proponent, Alpha Calcit Arizona, Limited, submitted a Plan of Operation to the Coronado National Forest requesting approval, under the Mining Law of 1872, to reopen, expand, and operate an existing, non-operational marble quarry on the Tapia-Bliss mining claims in the Dragon Mountain Range of southeastern Arizona. The Forest Service subsequently published a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the proposal on January 27, 2003 (68 FR 3856-3858).

In general, the Plan of Operation proposed the (1) expansion of the

existing quarry to obtain 100,000 short tons of marble, limestone, and related products annually for a period of 20 years; (2) construction of a crushing facility on private land approximately 2300 feet north of the center of the mine; (3) use of blasting material and heavy equipment to transport the product to the crushing facility; (4) construction of approximately 0.5 mile of new road to access the top of the exposed Escabrosa Limestone Formation and top bench of the mine; and (5) reconstruction (widening to about 30 feet) of approximately 0.5 mile of existing access road from the Forest boundary to the mine. Because new road construction would be located in an area designated by the Forest Service as an Inventoried Roadless Area (<http://roadless.fs.fed.us/states/az/coro.pdf>), the project may be subject to regulations in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 294.12, and policy direction in Interim Directive Forest Service Manual 1925.

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Deputy Regional Forester, Southwestern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mendocino Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee will meet April 29, 2005, (RAC), in Willits, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Approval of minutes, (2) Public comment, (3) Sub-committees (4) Discussion/Approval of projects (5) Matters before the group-discussion/action (6) Next agenda and meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 E. Commercial St., Willits, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Hurt, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Covelo Ranger District, 78150 Covelo

Road, Covelo CA 95428. (707) 983-8503; e-mail, rhurt@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by April 15, 2005. Public comments will have the opportunity to address the committee at the meeting.

Dated: April 6, 2005.

Blaine Baker,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Maximum Term for Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is revising direction governing special use permits for outfitting and guiding conducted on National Forest System lands by increasing the maximum term for these permits from five to ten years. The revised directive would provide for greater business continuity for outfitters and guides who furnish services to visitors on National Forest System lands and would make the Forest Service's policy on the maximum permit term for outfitting and guiding permits consistent with the policy of the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: This directive is effective April 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The administrative record for this final directive is available for inspection and copying at the office of the Director, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff, USDA Forest Service, 4th Floor Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Those wishing to inspect the administrative record are encouraged to call Carolyn Holbrook at (202) 205-1399 beforehand to facilitate access to the building.