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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Provincial Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, intends to renew the Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs) for the 12 provinces in California, Oregon, and Washington. This renewal is necessary and in the public interest due to the continued need for the PACs to provide advice on coordinating the implementation of the Record of Decision of April 13, 1994, for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. The PACs also provide advice and recommendations to promote integration and coordination of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the April 13, 1994, Record of Decision can be obtained electronically at <http://www.reo.gov/library/reports/newsandga.pdf>. Paper copies can be obtained from the Office of Strategic Planning, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geraldine Bower, Planning Specialist, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, USDA (202) 205-1022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, intends to renew the Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs), which will advise the Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC). The purpose of the PIEC is to facilitate the

coordinated implementation of the Record of Decision (ROD) of April 13, 1994, for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. The PIEC consists of representatives of the following Federal agencies: Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Geological Survey Biological Resources Division, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Ecosystem management at the province level requires improved coordination among governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public those agencies serve. Each PAC will provide advice and recommendations regarding implementation to promote integration and coordination of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities. Each PAC will provide advice regarding implementation of a comprehensive ecosystem management strategy for Federal land within a province (provinces are defined in the ROD at E19).

The chair of each PAC will alternate annually between representatives of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. When the Bureau of Land Management is not represented on the PIEC, the Forest Service representative will serve as chair. The chair, or a designated agency employee, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer under sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II). Any vacancies on the committee will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

A meeting notice will be published in the **Federal Register** within 15 to 45 days before a scheduled meeting date. All meetings are generally open to the public and may include a "public forum" that may offer 5-10 minutes for participants to present comments to the advisory committee. Alternates may choose not to be active during this session on the agenda. The chair of the given committee ultimately makes the decision whether to offer time on the

agenda for the public to speak to the general body.

Renewal of the PACs does not require an amendment of Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service planning documents because the renewal does not affect the standards and guidelines or land allocations. The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service will provide further notice, as needed, for additional actions or adjustments when implementing interagency coordination, public involvement, and other aspects of the ROD.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the advisory committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the PACs have taken into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

John Surina,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notices by the Intermountain Region; Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by the ranger districts, forests and regional office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notices required under 36 CFR 215, 217, and 218. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers the Forest Service will use to publish notices of proposed actions and notices of decision. This will provide the public with constructive notice of Forest Service proposals and decisions, provide information on the procedures to comment or appeal, and establish the date that the Forest Service will use to determine if comments or appeals were timely.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin on or after October 1, 2005. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until April 1, 2006, when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscilla McLain, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, and phone (801) 625-5146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The administrative procedures at 36 CFR 215, 217, and 218 require the Forest Service to publish notices in a newspaper of general circulation. The content of the notices is specified in 36 CFR 215, 217 and 218. In general, the notices will identify: the decision or project, by title or subject matter; the name and title of the official making the decision; how to obtain additional information; and where and how to file comments or appeals. The date the notice is published will be used to establish the official date for the beginning of the comment or appeal period. The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho:

Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah:

Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah

For decisions made by the Regional Forester that affect all National Forests in the Intermountain Region.

Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah

Ashley National Forest

Ashley Forest Supervisor decisions:

Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah

Duchesne District Ranger decisions:

Uinta Basin Standard, Roosevelt, Utah

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Wyoming:

Rocket Miner, Rock Springs, Wyoming

Flaming Gorge District Ranger for decisions affecting Utah:

Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah
Roosevelt District Ranger decisions:
Uinta Basin Standard, Roosevelt, Utah

Vernal District Ranger decisions:
Vernal Express, Vernal, Utah

Boise National Forest

Boise Forest Supervisor decisions:
Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho
Cascade District Ranger decisions:
Long Valley Advocate, Cascade, Idaho

Emmett District Ranger decisions:
Messenger-Index, Emmett, Idaho
Idaho City District Ranger decisions:

Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho
Lowman District Ranger decisions:

Idaho World, Garden Valley, Idaho
Mountain Home District Ranger decisions:

Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Bridger-Teton National Forest

Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Big Piney District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Buffalo District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Greys River District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Jackson District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Pinedale District Ranger decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor decisions for the Caribou portion:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho
Caribou-Targhee Forest Supervisor decisions for the Targhee portion:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Ashton District Ranger decisions:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Dubois District Ranger decisions:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Island Park District Ranger decisions:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Montpelier District Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho
Palisades District Ranger decisions:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Soda Springs District Ranger decisions:

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho
Teton Basin District Ranger decisions:

Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Westside District Ranger decisions:
Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

Dixie National Forest

Dixie Forest Supervisor decisions:

Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah
Cedar City District Ranger decisions:

Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah
Escalante District Ranger decisions:

Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah
Pine Valley District Ranger decisions:

Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah
Powell District Ranger decisions:

Daily Spectrum, St. George, Utah
Teasdale District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah

Fishlake National Forest

Fishlake Forest Supervisor decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah
Beaver District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah
Fillmore District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah
Loa District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah
Richfield District Ranger decisions:

Richfield Reaper, Richfield, Utah

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests

Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions for the Humboldt portion:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada
Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Supervisor decisions for the Toiyabe portion:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada
Austin District Ranger decisions:

The Battle Mountain Bugle, Battle Mountain, Nevada

Bridgeport District Ranger decisions:

Mammoth Times, Mammoth Lakes, California

Carson District Ranger decisions:

Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada
Ely District Ranger decisions:

The Ely Times, Ely, Nevada
Jarbidge District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada
Mountain City District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada
Ruby Mountains District Ranger decisions:

Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada
Santa Rosa District Ranger decisions:

Humboldt Sun, Winnemucca, Nevada
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area District Ranger decisions:

Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada
Tonopah District Ranger decisions:

Tonopah Times Bonanza-Goldfield News, Tonopah, Nevada

Manti-Lasal National Forest

Manti-LaSal Forest Supervisor decisions:

Sun Advocate, Price, Utah
Ferron District Ranger decisions:

Emery County Progress, Castle Dale, Utah

Moab District Ranger decisions:
Times Independent, Moab, Utah

Monticello District Ranger decisions:
San Juan Record, Monticello, Utah
 Price District Ranger decisions:
Sun Advocate, Price, Utah
 Sanpete District Ranger decisions:
Sanpete Messenger, Manti, Utah

Payette National Forest

Payette Forest Supervisor decisions:
Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho
 Council District Ranger decisions:
Adams County Record, Council, Idaho
 Krassel District Ranger decisions:
Star News, McCall, Idaho
 McCall District Ranger decisions:
Star News, McCall, Idaho
 New Meadows District Ranger decisions:
Star News, McCall, Idaho
 Weiser District Ranger decisions:
Signal American, Weiser, Idaho

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Salmon-Challis Forest Supervisor decisions for the Salmon portion:
The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho
 Salmon-Challis Forest Supervisor decisions for the Challis portion:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
 Challis District Ranger decisions:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
 Leadore District Ranger decisions:
The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho
 Lost River District Ranger decisions:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
 Middle Fork District Ranger decisions:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho
 North Fork District Ranger decisions:
The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho
 Salmon/Cobalt District Ranger decisions:
The Recorder-Herald, Salmon, Idaho
 Yankee Fork District Ranger decisions:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Sawtooth National Forest

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho
 Fairfield District Ranger decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho
 Ketchum District Ranger decisions:
Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho
 Minidoka District Ranger decisions:
The Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho
 Sawtooth National Recreation Area:
The Challis Messenger, Challis, Idaho

Uinta National Forest

Uinta Forest Supervisor decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah
 Heber District Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah
 Pleasant Grove District Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah
 Spanish Fork District Ranger decisions:
The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah

Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Wasatch-Cache Forest Supervisor decisions:

Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Evanston District Ranger decisions:
Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming
 Kamas District Ranger decisions:
Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Logan District Ranger decisions:
Logan Herald Journal, Logan, Utah
 Mountain View District Ranger decisions:
Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming
 Ogden District Ranger decisions:
Ogden Standard Examiner, Ogden, Utah
 Salt Lake District Ranger decisions:
Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah

Dated: October 11, 2005.

Stephen J. Solem,

Acting Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Dry Fork Vegetative Restoration Project, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Cascade and Judith Basin Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to further address issues associated with old growth associated with the Dry Fork Vegetative Restoration project on the Belt Creek Ranger District of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. This project proposes treatments including timber harvest and prescribed fire to move vegetative conditions such as age class and stand structure towards those that would most likely occur in the absence of fire suppression.

DATES: The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected January 2006 and the Supplemental Final EIS and Record of Decision are expected April 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Lesley W. Thompson, Forest Supervisor, Lewis and Clark National Forest, P.O. Box 869, Great Falls, Montana 59403. Copies of the SEIS will be available at the Supervisor's Office, 1101 15th Street North, Great Falls, Montana 59403. Electronic copies will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/>

r1/lewisclark in the Projects and Plans area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action should be directed to Jennifer Woods, Environmental Coordinator, (406) 791-7765; or Al Koss, Belt Creek District Ranger, phone (406) 236-5511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

A landscape assessment conducted by the Forest identified risks and opportunities for the Belt Creek assessment area in the Little Belt Mountains south and east of Great Falls. It showed that trends in some types of vegetation, the age distribution, stand structure and vegetative mosaic deviated notably from what might have occurred under natural conditions. The purpose and need for the Dry Fork Vegetative Restoration project is to move vegetation in a portion of the assessment area toward desired conditions using prescribed fire and timber harvest. An emphasis would be given to areas where there would be improved diversity in vegetative structure, species and age class. In addition, there is a need to reduce wildfire hazards to public and to fire fighters and better protect private lands within and adjacent to the forest.

Proposed Action

Approximately 3,416 acres would be treated using commercial timber harvest and prescribed fire treatment. Road reconstruction would take place on 4.9 miles of existing road and 1.7 miles of new system road would be constructed. No timber harvest would be conducted within inventoried roadless areas. Approximately 20.6 miles of road closures would be implemented through gating, signing, reclamation and change of use.

Alternatives

Alternatives that were considered in detailed study include the No Action Alternative and five additional alternatives that considered a variety of types and amounts of vegetation treatments. In addition, seven other alternatives were considered, but did not merit further evaluation due to lack of feasibility, economics, or because they did not meet the purpose and need.

Responsible Official

The Responsible Official is Lesley W. Thompson, Forest Supervisor, Lewis and Clark National Forest, P.O. Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403.