

landfill area and buffer zones; (c) long-term operation of waste facilities, followed by closure of those facilities and long-term post-closure maintenance of surrounding buffer areas; (d) remediation of burn dumps, primarily by re-capping and fencing; (e) monitoring, maintenance of facilities, management of dust and runoff, management of wind-blown trash, and other routine maintenance and management in buffer zones; and (f) the potential development of compatible facilities in buffer zones and remediated burn dumps (such as recycling or waste processing facilities, or other types of facilities compatible with the operation and zoning of sanitary landfills, transfer stations, and burn dumps). No new landfills would be sited.

The effects of proposed covered activities are expected to be minimized and mitigated through participation in a conservation program that would be fully described in Amendment 1 to the original Habitat Conservation Plan. The focus of this proposed conservation program is to provide long-term protection of covered species by protecting biological communities in areas of high ecological value within Kern County. Components of the proposed conservation program are now under consideration by the Service and KCWMD. These components will likely include: avoidance and minimization measures, monitoring, adaptive management, and mitigation measures consisting of preservation, restoration and enhancement of habitat.

#### **Environmental Impact Statement/ Report**

KCWMD and the Service have selected Jud Monroe, Environmental Planning and Documentation (Monroe), to prepare the Draft EIS/EIR. The joint document will be prepared in compliance with NEPA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Although Monroe will prepare the EIS/EIR, the Service will be responsible for the scope and content of the document for NEPA purposes, and KCWMD will be responsible for the scope and content of the document for CEQA purposes.

The EIS/EIR will consider the proposed action of amending permit number 830963, no action (no permit amendment), and a reasonable range of alternatives, including operational alternatives for KCWMD facilities that would involve different levels of incidental take from those likely to occur under the proposed action. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included in the EIS/EIR. It is anticipated that

several alternatives will be developed, which may vary by the level of conservation, impacts caused by the proposed activities, permit area, covered species, or a combination of these factors.

The EIS/EIR will also identify potentially significant impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, water quality, mineral resources, water resources, economics, and other environmental resources that could occur directly or indirectly with implementation of the proposed action or alternatives. For all potentially significant impacts, the EIS/EIR will identify mitigation measures, where feasible, to reduce these impacts to a level below significance.

Environmental review of the EIS/EIR will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. We are publishing this notice in accordance with Section 1501.7 of NEPA to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. More specifically, we provide this notice: (1) To describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; (2) to advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) to announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be included in the EIS/EIR. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify, rather than to debate, significant issues related to the proposed action. We invite written comments from interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the permit request is identified. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

Dated: October 14, 2005.

#### **Ken McDermond,**

*Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[OR–027–1020–PI–020H; G–06–0004]

#### **Notice of Public Meetings, Steens Mountain Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Steens Mountain Advisory Council will meet at the Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 on October 27 and 28, 2005, and December 8 and 9, 2005. Meetings will begin at 8 a.m., local time, each day and will end at approximately 4:30 p.m., local time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Steens Mountain Advisory Council was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act and rechartered in August 2005. The Steens Mountain Advisory Council's purpose is to provide representative counsel and advice to the Bureau of Land Management regarding (1) new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, (2) cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, maintain and improve the ecological and economic integrity of the area, and (3) preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

Topics to be discussed at these meetings include operating protocols, vice-chair election, Transportation/Travel Plan, North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Impact Statement, Wildland Juniper Management Area, cooperative management agreements, implementation plan, on-the-ground projects update, monitoring, nondevelopment easements, and other matters that may reasonably come before the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Information to be distributed to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council is requested prior to the start of each meeting. Public comment periods will be scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., local time, each day. The amount of time scheduled for public presentations and meeting times may be extended when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate all persons.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act management regulations (41 CFR 102-3.15(b)), in exceptional circumstances an agency may give less than 15 days notice of committee meeting notices published in the **Federal Register**. In this case, this notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet deadlines to complete the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Travel Plan (due December 2005) and the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Impact Statement and to avoid additional delays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the Steens Mountain Advisory Council may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Bureau of Land Management Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738. Information can also be obtained by phone at (541) 573-4400 or e-mail [Rhonda\\_Karges@blm.gov](mailto:Rhonda_Karges@blm.gov).

Dated: October 13, 2005.

**Karla Bird,**

*Designated Federal Official, Andrews Resource Area Field Manager.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731-TA-457-A-D (Second Review)]

### Heavy Forged Hand Tools From China

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews concerning the antidumping duty orders on heavy forged hand tools from China.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping

duty orders on heavy forged hand tools from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 4, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Olympia DeRosa Hand (202-205-3182), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these reviews may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Background.* On October 4, 2005, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (70 FR 38101, July 1, 2005) of the subject five-year reviews was adequate and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act.

*Staff report.* A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews will be placed in the nonpublic record on December 5, 2005, and made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

*Written submissions.* As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the

<sup>1</sup> A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's Web site.

notice of institution,<sup>2</sup> and any party other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determinations the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before December 8, 2005 and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by December 8, 2005. However, should the Department of Commerce extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce's final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce's results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002). Even where electronic filing of a document is permitted, certain documents must also be filed in paper form, as specified in II (C) of the Commission's Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures, 67 FR 68168, 68173 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

*Determination.* The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the reviews period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

**Authority:** These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: October 17, 2005.

By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission has found the response submitted by domestic producer Ames True Temper to be adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).