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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hawaii Experimental Tropical Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 606(b) of the International Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990, as amended, the following lands in the State of Hawaii are designated as units of the Hawaii Experimental Tropical Forest:

1. Laupāhoehoe Experimental Forest Unit comprising approximately 12,343 acres on the Island of Hawaii, and

2. Pu'u Wa'awa'a Experimental Forest Unit comprising approximately 38,885 acres on the Island of Hawaii.

Research on these experimental forest units shall be administered in accordance with applicable laws and the Cooperative Agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the State of Hawaii, Board of Land and Natural Resources, entered into on December 12, 2006.

DATES: This establishment is effective on the date of this notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1992, Congress enacted the Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act (Pub. L. 102-574). That enactment added section 606(b) to the International Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990 providing that, at the request of the Governor of Hawaii, the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish and administer in the State of Hawaii a Hawaii Experimental Tropical Forest to be managed for the purposes outlined in the Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act. The Governor of Hawaii has requested the establishment of two units of an experimental tropical forest on State managed lands on the island of Hawaii. The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the State of Hawaii, Board of Land and Natural Resources, have agreed on the conduct of

cooperative research activities on the two units.

Dated: February 15, 2007.

Mike Johanns,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed Land Management Plan Availability and 90-Day Comment Period Commencement

AGENCY: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the proposed Land Management Plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests and Commencement of the 90-Day Comment Period (per 36 CFR 219.9(b)(3)(ii)).

DATES: The comment period will run 90 days from publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or newspaper of record The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction, Colorado) whichever occurs later. We currently estimate the period to end on or about June 20, 2007. Check the GMUG Web site for the actual date.

SUMMARY: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) has made its proposed Land Management Plan and associated documents available for review. Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the proposed Plan and supporting documents, which include:

1. The proposed Land Management Plan, including maps and appendices (approximately 300 pages).
2. The proposed Land Management Plan Newsletter including Key Changes from current plan (16 pages).
3. The Comprehensive Evaluation Report summary of social, economic, and ecological conditions, trends, and management implications (approximately 280 pages).

The Comprehensive Assessments of conditions and trends which include volumes on terrestrial resources, watershed and aquatic resources, geologic and mineral resources, and human uses of the forest (4 volumes totaling approximately 2,500 pages).

The proposed Forest Plan, and Comprehensive Evaluation Report can be accessed, viewed, and downloaded from our planning Web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy/plan_rev/, or by obtaining a CD from forest headquarters. The Comprehensive

Assessments will be available on CD only and sent to those who request it. Paper copies of the proposed Forest Plan newsletter and readers guide are available. Additionally, Geographic Information System (GIS) data used in the development of the proposed Plan can be viewed, and maps can be produced, on the Internet using ArcIMS. With this option you can view single date layers or overlay different layers. You can view the data forest-wide or zoom to your area of interest. To use this option, navigate to <http://maps.fs.fed.us> and scroll to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) project.

Public Involvement: Current information and details of upcoming public participation opportunities are posted on our Web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy/plan_rev/. Contact Anne Janik (970) 874-6637, or e-mail ajanik@fs.fed.us to be placed on our mailing list.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) are managed as a single administrative unit. The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) requires that all forest land management plans (Plans) be revised every 10-15 years. The current GMUG Plan was completed in 1983, and subsequently amended numerous times. The Plan needs to be updated to address changes that have occurred in and around the GMUG during the past two decades. There have been substantial changes in social, economic, and ecological conditions. Some of these include major population growth, dramatic increases in OHV use, the spread of invasive species, and the encroachment of development into the wildland interface. In addition, there are new laws, policies, and regulations and scientific research and technical developments that need to be incorporated into the Plan. Once finalized, the Plan will guide future programs and projects on the Forest.