

- The fruits or vegetables are inspected in the country of origin by an inspector or an official of the national plant protection organization of the exporting country, and have been found free of one or more specific quarantine pests identified by the risk analysis as likely to follow the import pathway; and/or

- The fruits or vegetables are a commercial consignment.

APHIS received a request from the Government of South Africa to allow the importation of *Ribes* species fruits (i.e., currants and gooseberries) from South Africa into the continental United States. We have completed a pest risk assessment to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation into the United States and, based on that pest risk assessment, have prepared a risk management analysis to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodity to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that *Ribes* species fruits can be safely imported into the continental United States from South Africa using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 319.56–4(b). Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk analysis for public review and comment. The pest risk analysis may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk analysis by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis when requesting copies.

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of *Ribes* species fruits from South Africa in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will begin issuing permits for importation of *Ribes* species fruits from South Africa into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management analysis.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of July 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Plumas National Forest; Butte and Plumas Counties, CA; Watdog Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final Environmental Impact Statement to document and clarify the analysis of environmental effects.

**DATES:** Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)4). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in August 2007 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in November 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, PO Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971; Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Zarlengo, Project Leader, Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965; (530) 534–6500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2005. The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement appeared on June 24, 2005. A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were issued on September 15, 2005. The legal notice of the Record of Decision appeared in the Feather River Bulletin on September 28, 2005. The decision was appealed and later withdrawn by the Responsible Official on December 20, 2005. The notice of intent to prepare a draft supplement to the environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2006. The Notice of Availability for the Draft Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement appeared on September 1, 2006. A supplement to the Final Environmental

Impact Statement and record of decision was prepared on March 30, 2007. The decision was appealed and then reversed after review, on June 26, 2007.

#### **Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose and need remain the same as was described in the FEIS. The purpose of and need for the project has several elements: (1) Implement fuels reduction by proposing defensible fuel profile zone (DFPZ) treatments to provide for fire resiliency and improved fire fighter safety; (2) Implement group selection provisions of the HFQLG Act providing for shifting existing conditions towards desired conditions of an uneven-aged (all-aged), multistory, fire-resilient forest and contributing toward community stability; (3) Provide for reduced impacts of the transportation system on forest resources by implementing road relocation or improvements as part of project access. The purpose and need includes the following restoration opportunities: (1) Promote a more natural forest ecosystem with a higher abundance of hardwoods and create openings around existing California black oaks to stimulate natural regeneration; and (2) Provide for healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystems by implementing restoration projects to improve fish passage in streams and restore selected streams and meadows.

#### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action and alternatives will remain the same as described in the FEIS. These alternatives include varied levels of fuel treatments, group selection timber harvest, and transportation system improvement.

#### **Responsible Official**

Chris Knopp, Acting Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971.

#### **Nature of Decision To Be Made**

Based on the supplement, the responsible official will decide whether to implement the project based on an alternative in the FEIS or not implement the project at this time.

#### **Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review**

A draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft supplemental 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 supplemental 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 supplemental environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final supplemental 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 45-day 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 supplemental environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft supplemental 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: July 3, 2007.

**Maria T. Garcia,**

*Deputy Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Kamiah, ID, USDA, Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, July 24, 2007 in Grangeville, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting on July 24 will be held at the Super 8 Motel in Grangeville, Idaho, beginning at 10 a.m. (PST). Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 p.m. (PST).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 935-2513.

Dated: July 10, 2007.

**Ihor Mereszczak,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, CA, USDA Forest Service.**

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 9 in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meetings on August 8 and 9 will begin at 9 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550

Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. These meetings will be dedicated to hearing presentations from project proponents on Tuesday and voting on Wednesday for funding through the "Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000," commonly known as Payments to States. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Frolli, Acting District Ranger, Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or Public Affairs Specialist, Leona Rodreick, at (530) 252-6605.

**Laurie Tippin,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, August 15, 2007. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 15, 2007 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Room (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to [lkolund@fs.fed.us](mailto:lkolund@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Kolund, District Ranger, Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: July 11, 2007.

**Forrest Cole,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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