

The types of soil, watershed, and fisheries improvement treatments that may be implemented to meet objectives include, but are not limited to:

Realignment, storage, and decommissioning of existing roads; culvert removal and replacement for fish passage; installing fish screens on irrigation ditches; spot application of gravel at road stream crossings; and restoration of soils in terraced units. Approximately 10 miles of road are proposed for decommissioning (obliteration), and 19 miles are proposed to be put into long-term storage. Nine culverts are proposed for replacement or removal to improve fish passage.

Possible Alternatives

Preliminary alternatives which have been identified include the proposed action and the no action alternative.

Responsible Official

David T. Bull, Forest Supervisor; Bitterroot National Forest; 1801 N. First; Hamilton, Montana 59840-3114.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will determine whether or not to proceed with the proposed project activities.

Scoping Process

Comments will be accepted during the 30 day scoping period as described in this notice of intent. To assist in commenting, a scoping letter providing more detailed information on the project proposal has been prepared and will be mailed out to interested parties. The Lower West Fork project was previously scoped in March, 2007. If you responded at that time and wish to use the same comments, there is no need to comment again. Comments received in spring, 2007 are included in the project file and will be considered in this analysis. If you did not receive a scoping letter in spring, 2007, but wish to receive one now, contact Dave Campbell, West Fork Ranger District, at the mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address previously listed in this notice of intent. At this time, there are no plans to schedule a public meeting. If needed, a meeting will be scheduled between the release of the draft and final environmental impact statements. The time and location of the meeting will be announced at that time.

Preliminary Issues

The scoping that was conducted in March, 2007 disclosed the following preliminary issues: (1) Impacts to air quality; (2) economic impacts; (3) funding realities; (4) utilization of small diameter trees; (5) impacts and costs of

obliterating roads; (6) methods and science used in the analysis; and (7) appropriate distances needed to treat fuels around homes.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft 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 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. 519,533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final 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*, 409 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements. 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: December 11, 2007.

Amber Lewis,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 11, 2008 at the Sierra Nevada College, 999 Tahoe Boulevard, Incline Village, NV, 89451. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 11, 2008, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Sierra Nevada College, 999 Tahoe Boulevard, Incline Village, NV 89451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Monitoring/Science Funding Outside the Lake Tahoe Basin; (2) Review of the Hazardous Fuels Projects; and (3) Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake

Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

Terri Marceron,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service USDA

Notice of Proposed New Fee Site on the Inyo National Forest

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service,

ACTION: Notice of Proposed New Fee Site.

SUMMARY: The Inyo National Forest, White Mountain Ranger District is proposing to implement fees at a complex of three group camp sites in the White Mountains east of Bishop, California. The proposed fee structure is based on the level of services and amenities provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment and public comments. Fee monies would be used to provide maintenance services, trash hauling, restroom servicing (pumping and hauling of waste), road maintenance into the sites and other direct costs.

The group camp sites, known as the Cedar Flat Group Campgrounds, were constructed in 2005 as part of a special use permit condition for a large scientific research facility. They are used primarily by colleges, universities, and other educational groups for a "base facility" for their geology field camps, natural history studies and other academic pursuits. They are particularly well suited for this use as they are in close proximity to the geologic areas of

study. Additionally, they are in a terrain and vegetation type that allows for dispersed tent use but has a common area for (outdoor) meetings, eating and socializing.

Each group site contains a concrete pad under a shade ramada for picnic tables, a developed parking area, interpretive exhibits, and group working areas. Additionally, all the sites have new sealed vault type toilets, a fire ring and dumpster type trash bins. The sites are of varying sizes and have capacities of 50, 30 and 25 campers. The larger site also has room to park a limited number of recreational vehicles.

The fee for each of the sites is proposed to be set at \$25 per night. Traditional use of the old group campsites, removed in 2004, has been longer stays such as two and three weeks for field studies of geology or natural history as part of an academic field camp. No other group site opportunities are available in the vicinity. These sites also have the advantage of being isolated which facilitates group use, evening lighting and later night studying and data preparation by college students, the primary users of these facilities.

Funds derived from the fees would be used to provide regular maintenance services, contract trash hauling and toilet pumping.

DATES: The proposed fee would become effective June 15, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Louth, Interpretive Specialist, White Mountain Ranger Station, 798 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514; (760) 873-2514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directs the Secretary of Agriculture to publish

a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The intent of this notice is to inform the public of a new fee site. This new fee will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: November 29, 2007.

Jim Upchurch,

Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

Pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT [October 25, 2007 through November 30, 2007]

Firm	Address	Date accepted for filing	Products
Steel Ventures, LLC dba Ex-L- Tube.	811 Atlantic Street, N., Kansas City, MO 64116-4259.	10/25/2007	Steel tubing and standard pipe.
Cramer Wood Products, Inc	600 North Scientific Street, High Point, NC 27260.	10/29/2007	Manufactures and markets high quality wood veneer products. The firm processes veneers from exotic and domestic woods, providing architectural panels and cut-to-size splicing as well as more traditional veneer sheets.
Advent Tool & Mold, Inc.	999 Ridgeway Avenue, Roch- ester, NY 14615.	10/29/2007	Design and build custom injection molds and manufacture precision injection molded plastic parts and assemblies.
Martin's Chair, Inc.	124 King Court, New Holland, PA 17557.	11/1/2007	Furniture manufacturer, primarily chairs. Designs: 18th & 19th century: Pennsylvania, German, and Craftman.
Long Haul Products, Inc.	16869 Ward Creek Road, Cedaredge, Co 81413.	11/2/2007	Folding kayaks.
The Servicenter	7301 N.W. 50th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73132.	11/5/2007	Manufacturer of consumable and custom aircraft parts (specific to plane type & model). Includes detailed drawing illustration part dimensions and exact area for drilling rivet holes.