

Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans). It would result in an addendum to the Kootenai National Forest, Forest Plan, Appendix 8.

Copies of the environmental documents and 2004 ROD are available on the Kootenai National Forest internet Web site at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/rl/kootenai/projects/planning/documents/forest\\_plan/amendments/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/rl/kootenai/projects/planning/documents/forest_plan/amendments/index.shtml). Documents may also be requested by contacting Kirsten Kaiser, Team Leader, at 406-283-7659.

### Preliminary Issues and Alternatives

Issues raised during the comment period on the DEIS centered around three main topics: (1) grizzly bear and best available science, specifically the science that was used in the environmental analysis and by the IGBC including the biological defensibility of the 55 percent Core, 33 percent OMRD and 26 percent TMRD standards; (2) reductions in motorized public access; and (3) impacts to employment and income.

### Early Notice of Environmental Review

The Forest Supervisors are giving notice that the Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, and Lolo National Forests are supplementing an existing environmental analysis for this proposed action so that interested or affected people can participate in the analysis and contribute to the final decision. The Forest Service is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, tribal governments, and Federal, State, and local agencies that are interested or may be affected by the proposed action. The draft SETS is intended to provide additional evaluation of current information on grizzly bears, and provide that information to the public. The public is invited to help identify issues and concerns related to the preferred alternative and the supplemental analysis documented in the draft SEIS.

### Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft SEIS is expected to be filed with the EPA and to be available for public review in July 2008. The comment period on the draft SEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The draft SEIS will be distributed to all parties that received the 2002 FEIS and Record of Decision as well as to those who expressed interest.

The final SEIS is scheduled to be completed by April 2009. In the final SEIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed

in the draft SEIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

### The Reviewer's Obligation To Comment

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage 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, 553 (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 [*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 90-day comment period so that 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 preferred alternative and the supplemental analysis, comments on the draft SEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or sections of the draft SEIS. 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.

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Meeting

*Date and Time:* Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

*Place:* Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Conference Room, 1201 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

*Closed Meeting:* The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded nonmilitary international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6))

*Contact Person for More Information:*

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Timi Nickerson Kenealy at (202) 203-4545.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 29-2008]

### Foreign-Trade Zone 234 - Gregg County, Texas, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Gregg County, Texas, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 234, requesting authority to expand its zone to include a site in Kilgore, Texas, adjacent to the Shreveport-Bossier Customs and Border Protection port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on May 5, 2008.

FTZ 234 was approved on November 4, 1998 (Board Order 1003, 63 FR 63671, 11/16/98). On December 15, 2006, a minor boundary modification was approved to include an additional site in Longview, Gregg County, Texas. The zone project currently consists of two sites: *Site 1:* (239 acres) located at the Gregg County Airport; and, *Site 2:* (60 acres) located at 1320 East Harrison Road, Longview.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-