

**Responsible Official**

The responsible official is: Larry Timchak, Forest Supervisor, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

Given the purpose and need, the deciding officer will decide whether or not to amend the Targhee Revised Forest Plan with regard to TRFP direction for old growth and late seral structural stages and to clarify TRFP snag direction.

**Scoping Process**

The C-T Forest is now seeking comments on this proposal and will seek comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement when it becomes available.

**Comment Requested**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the supplemental environmental impact statement. The Forest is seeking comments that may be used to develop alternatives to the Proposed Action. We are seeking specific comments on snag requirements for cavity nesters for the TRFP, specifically management guidance for retention of snags and specific comments on a more appropriate percentage of old growth and at what level it is appropriate to be maintained for vegetation diversity. To be most helpful comments should include rationale for any recommendations.

**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 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*, 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 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 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: May 14, 2008.

**Lawrence Timchak,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

(A-122-840)

**Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada: Notice of Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 21, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Salim Bhabhrawala or David Neubacher, at (202) 482-1784 or (202) 482-5823, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration,

International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 24, 2006, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the final results for the second administrative review of the antidumping duty order on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Canada. See *Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada*, 71 FR 3822 (Jan. 24, 2006) (*Final Results*). Mittal Canada, Inc. (formerly Ispat Sidbec Inc.) ("Mittal") challenged several aspects of the *Final Results* before a NAFTA binational panel. On November 28, 2007, the panel issued a decision. See *Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada*, Decision of the Panel, USA-CDA-2006-1904-04 (Nov. 28, 2007).

On April 17, 2008, the United States Department of Commerce, Mittal, and Gerdau Ameristeel U.S., Inc. and Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. entered into a Settlement Agreement covering this NAFTA proceeding ("Agreement"). Pursuant to this settlement of litigation, Mittal filed a consent motion to terminate the panel review and vacate the panel's decisions in the proceeding referenced above. On April 29, 2008, the NAFTA Secretariat of the U.S. Section published the notice of termination of the panel review. See *North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904; Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate Panel Review*, 73 FR 23183 (Apr. 29, 2008). The review period covered by these amended final results is from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

**Assessment of Duties**

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Department is amending the final results of the contested review and will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate all entries of Canadian wire rod that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004, that were produced and exported by Mittal or Ispat Sidbec Inc., at the assessment rate of 3.86% *ad valorem*. Because parties waived any right to challenge these amended final results pursuant to the Agreement, the Department will issue assessment instructions to CBP following publication of this notice.

### Cash-Deposit Requirements

As provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and as stipulated in the Agreement with regard to the settlement of the second administrative review, the cash-deposit rate for all shipments of Canadian wire rod produced and exported by Mittal entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after May 21, 2008, 2008, shall be 3.86% *ad valorem*. The deposit requirements shall remain in effect until further notice.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: May 15, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket Number: 080513661-8662-01]

#### The Draft Report of the NOAA Science Advisory Board Working Group To Examine Advisory Options for Improving Communications Among NOAA's Partners

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA Research (OAR) publishes this notice on behalf of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to announce the availability for public comment of the draft report of the SAB Working Group to Examine Advisory Options for Improving Communications among NOAA's Partners (here called the Partnerships Working Group).

**DATES:** Comments on this preliminary report must be received by 5 p.m. EDT June 20, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft Report of the Working Group will be available on the NOAA Science Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Reports/>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to [noaa.sab.comments2@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.sab.comments2@noaa.gov). For individuals who do not have access to the Internet, comments may be submitted in writing to: NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) c/o Dr. Cynthia

Decker, 1315 East-West Highway-R/SAB, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway-R/SAB, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1156, Fax: 301-734-1459, E-mail: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov)) during normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preliminary report of the Partnerships Working Group has been drafted pursuant to the request initiated by the NOAA Science Advisory Board and approved by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, to examine advisory options for improving communications among the various public, private, and academic entities engaged in environmental information matters. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group can be found on the SAB Web site at [http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Working\\_Groups/current/partnerships/PWG\\_terms.pdf](http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Working_Groups/current/partnerships/PWG_terms.pdf).

This report was prepared in response to the charge to the working group to examine advisory options including: Expanded use of existing NOAA Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) committees and/or the National Research Council; changing the structure and/or re-chartering the existing NOAA FACA committees, including the SAB, into new FACA committees or some combinations of approaches. With input from the appropriate offices in NOAA and the Department of Commerce, the PWG members debated the various options available, ranging from ad hoc meetings at various venues on an irregular basis to establishment of a formal federal advisory committee to NOAA. The group considered the strengths and weaknesses of all these options but agreed that NOAA should create a formal and clear mechanism to ensure that a wide variety of external stakeholders can provide advice and receive feedback from the agency. The PWG recommended that NOAA use a combination of approaches, starting with establishment of a Working Group under the Science Advisory Board to immediately address concerns from the external weather community, assess the success of this approach after 1-2 years, and consider at that time whether to establish a separate federal advisory committee with a mandate for the broader environmental services enterprise. The terms of reference for the proposed standing Working Group

are included in the appendix of the report.

The Working Group will consider public comments on the draft report and incorporate them, as appropriate, in the final report to be delivered to the SAB.

The SAB is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary on long- and short-term strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction.

The SAB welcomes all comments on the content of the preliminary report. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. This draft report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. For any shortcoming noted within the preliminary report, please propose specific remedies. Suggested changes will be incorporated where appropriate, and a final report will be posted on the SAB Web site.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Overview comments should be provided first and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page and line numbers to which they apply. Please number each page of your comments.

Dated: May 14, 2008.

**Mark E. Brown,**

*Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of a 5-Year Review of the Endangered U.S. Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Smalltooth Sawfish

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.