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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, April 23, 2010. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management Office; 1717 Fabry Road SE; Salem, Oregon; (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Election of chairperson; (2) Decision on overhead rate for 2011 projects; (3) Presentation of 2011 Projects; and (4) Public Forum.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 4-5 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the April meeting by sending them to Connie Athman at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Connie Athman; Mt. Hood National Forest; 16400 Champion Way; Sandy, Oregon 97055; (503) 668-1672.

Dated: April 2, 2010.

Bill Westbrook,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kemmerer Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wyoming Kemmerer Grazing and Rangeland Vegetation Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Bridger-Teton National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the effects of continued authorization of grazing on 16 sheep allotments on the Kemmerer Ranger District in southwest Wyoming. The first Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on 11/17/2008 (Volume 73, #222, pages 67835-67836) and included 15 grazing allotments. This Notice of Intent is revised from the original to include the addition of the Porcupine allotment to the proposed project area. The project area encompasses 176,828 acres of National Forest System lands within Lincoln County of western Wyoming. Most of the project area's east boundary is west of Commissary Ridge; the west boundary is Salt Creek. The center of the project area lies roughly 17 air miles northeast of Cokeville, Wyoming. The allotments included in the analysis are: Porcupine, Lower Salt Creek, Buckskin Knoll, Lake Alice, Smiths Fork, Aspen Springs, Basin Creek, Devil's Hole, Elk Creek, Green Knoll, Indian Creek, Lake Mountain, Pole Creek, Sams Allen Creek, South Fontenelle and Spruce Creek Allotments.

The analysis contained in the EIS will be used by the Responsible Official to decide whether or not, and if so, how to authorize livestock grazing and manage rangeland vegetation within the project area.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis were solicited in the 11/17/2008 Notice of Intent. All comments that were received during the previous analysis period are being considered in the current analysis. The Draft EIS is expected in May of 2010 and the Final EIS is expected in September of 2010.

ADDRESSES: District Ranger, Kemmerer Ranger District, Kemmerer Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, 308 U.S. Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101. Send electronic

mail to: *comments-intermtn-bridger-teton-kemmerer@fs.fed.us* and on the subject line put only "Kemmerer Grazing Allotments."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aimee Cameron, Rangeland Management Specialist, Kemmerer Ranger District, 308 U.S. Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY, 83101 (307-828-5115), *amieecameron@fs.fed.us*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of this analysis is to determine if continued livestock grazing is appropriate within the project area. If livestock grazing is re-authorized then the adaptive management strategies under which grazing would be managed to maintain or achieve desired conditions and meet Forest Plan objectives. Desired conditions are defined by the Bridger Teton Land and Resource Management Plan, Forest Service Manual, and applicable laws. This effort is undertaken to comply with the 1995 Rescissions Act (Pub. L. 104-19).

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to continue to authorize livestock grazing on 16 allotments within the project area with updated livestock grazing and rangeland vegetation management direction. Resource desired conditions are identified. Grazing practices addressing frequency of grazing and of rest from grazing will be guided by the amount and diversity of vegetation given the capability of soils, as well as indicators of soil quality such as amount of ground cover, sign of active erosion and healing of headcuts. Other Best Management Practices addressing the timing, duration, and in specific settings the intensity, of use are identified. Adaptive management is part of the proposed action. Identified are: criteria to guide management, pre-determined optional courses of action used to make adaptive changes in management over time, and the focused monitoring which provides the basis for adjusting management to attain desired resource conditions. One last element of rangeland vegetation