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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose and Need for Action**

The purpose of this project is to protect and restore naturally-functioning native ecosystems on the MTNF by controlling current and future threats of NNIP infestations. Control means, as appropriate, eradicating, suppressing, reducing, or managing NNIP populations, preventing the spread of NNIP, and taking steps such as restoration of native species and habitats to reduce the effects of invasive species and to prevent further invasions (Executive Order 13112 invasive species). Resiliency, integrity, and sustainability of a variety of ecosystems on the MTNF could be compromised if NNIP infestations continue to spread. This proposal is needed because existing populations of NNIP currently occur on the MTNF and are degrading natural communities. Inventoried and new or unknown infestations continue to spread unchecked. Past projects to control invasive plants on the MTNF have been authorized as small portions of larger vegetation management projects. Those limited actions have not been able to keep pace with the extent in which several NNIP species spread and encroach into new areas. Species such as garlic mustard, spotted knapweed, and *Sericea lespedeza* are too wide-spread and aggressive to address individually or at a smaller project level in order to be successful.

**Proposed Action**

The MTNF proposes to implement an integrated program for the prevention, eradication, suppression, and reduction of existing and future NNIP infestations on the forest. The integrated approach considers the best available scientific information, most current NNIP inventories, and the effectiveness of control methods designed to meet desired treatment objectives to control NNIP infestations on National Forest System lands with the MTNF boundaries. These control methods would include various combinations of manual, mechanical, chemical, cultural, and biological treatments.

**Cooperating Agencies**

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is a cooperating agency with the

MTNF, the lead agency, on this proposal.

**Responsible Official**

The forest supervisor of the Mark Twain National Forest is the responsible official.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The forest supervisor will make a decision on whether to implement the Integrated NNIP strategy on National Forest System land as proposed, an alternative, or no action.

**Preliminary Issues**

The interdisciplinary team has identified preliminary issues. Unintended detrimental environmental effects to non-target species could result from the application of herbicide or release of bio-agents. The application of herbicide could result in an increase of toxic chemicals in groundwater.

**Scoping Process**

Typically, this notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Scoping for this project began in November 2009 with a letter to the public and posting of information to MTNF world wide Web site. Four comment letters were received in response to that solicitation. Those comments will be incorporated into the analysis for this EIS.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: August 23, 2010.

**David C. Whittekiend,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in Clovis, California, October 27, 2010. The purpose of the meeting will be to

develop a timeline for receiving project proposals for the next funding cycle and review monitoring accomplishments.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 27, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road Prather, CA. Send written comments to Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to [rekman@fs.fed.us](mailto:rekman@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator. (559) 855-5355 ext. 3341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Accept new project proposals and (2) Discuss monitoring accomplishments of current projects.

Dated: September 7, 2010.

**Ray Porter,**

*District Ranger.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Del Norte Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Del Norte Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Crescent City, California. The committee meeting is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 27 and 28, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Del Norte County Unified School District, Board Room, 301 West Washington Boulevard, Crescent City, California 95531.