

indicate a need to change grazing management by updating AMPs.

- There is a need to design and implement an adaptive management system that will continue to move resource conditions toward desired conditions in a manner that is timely and consistent with Forest Plan goals and objectives.

### Proposed Action

In response to the purpose and need, the Forest Service proposes to continue to authorize livestock grazing in the Bell Meadow, Eagle Meadow, and Herring Creek allotments, making forage available to qualified livestock operators in a manner that is sustainable and consistent with management direction. The Proposed Action would adjust livestock management, update Allotment Management Plans and implement an adaptive management strategy that would provide for healthy ecosystems in a manner that is consistent with the Forest Plan. The Proposed Action would move existing conditions toward desired conditions while continuing to allow livestock grazing on these allotments with the following management actions.

(1) Authorize continued grazing on the Bell Meadow, Eagle Meadow, and Herring Creek allotments in a manner that provides for healthy ecosystems and is consistent with Forest Plan direction.

Modify allotment boundaries, create subunits, and update Allotment Management Plans to incorporate resource conservation measures and adaptive management options. Implement design criteria in order to better achieve desired conditions through systematic monitoring and adjustment of grazing activities, while allowing for flexibility in management decisions.

For more details about the proposed action, including a scoping package and maps, visit the project Web site at: <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/stanislaus/projects>.

### Responsible Official

Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The project area includes all land encompassed in the Bell Meadow, Eagle Meadow, and Herring Creek allotments, and areas proposed as additions to these allotments. The responsible official will decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, an alternative to the proposed action, or take no action to

reauthorize grazing in the Bell Meadow, Eagle Meadow, and Herring Creek allotments.

### Scoping Process

Public participation is important at numerous points during the analysis. The Forest Service seeks information, comments, and assistance from the federal, state, and local agencies and individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

*Comments on the proposed action should be submitted within 45 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Intent.* The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by approximately January 2012. EPA will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to all interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for their review and comment. It is very important that those interested in the management of the Stanislaus National Forest participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in August 2012. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making the decision. Substantive comments are defined as "comments within the scope of the proposed action, specific to the proposed action, and have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider" (36 CFR 215.2). Only those who submit comments during the comment period on the draft EIS are eligible to appeal the subsequent decision under the 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

### Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. A draft EIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review:

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, 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: July 29, 2011.

**Susan Skalski,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

### Big Horn County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Big Horn County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Greybull, Wyoming. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the fifth meeting and to vote on project proposals.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 8, 2011 and will begin at 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Big Horn County Weed and Pest Building, 4782 Highway 310, Greybull, Wyoming. Written comments about this meeting should be sent to Laurie Walters-Clark, Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [comments-bighorn@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-bighorn@fs.fed.us), with the words Big Horn County RAC in the subject line. Facsimilies may be sent to 307–674–2668.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 307–674–2600 to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurie Walters-Clark, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801; (307) 674–2627.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing impaired may call 1–307–674–2604 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mountain time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Introductions, (2) Project reviews, (3) Public Comment; and (4) Project voting for recommendation. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: July 29, 2011.

**William T. Bass,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Sunshine Act Notice**

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of briefing/meeting.

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, August 12, 2011; 9:30 a.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

**Briefing Agenda**

- This briefing is open to the public.  
Topic: The Civil Rights Implications of Eminent Domain Abuse.
- I. Introductory Remarks by Chairman.
  - II. Speakers' Presentations.
  - III. Questions by Commissioners and Staff Director.
  - IV. Adjourn Briefing.

**Meeting Agenda**

- This meeting is open to the public.
- I. Approval of Agenda.
  - II. Approval of the July 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes.
  - III. Program Planning:
    - Approval of the 2011 Enforcement Report.
    - Approval of Age Discrimination Briefing Report.
  - IV. Management and Operations:
    - Staff Director's report.
  - V. State Advisory Committee Issues:
    - Re-chartering the Georgia SAC.
    - Re-chartering the Oklahoma SAC.
  - VI. Adjourn.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION:** Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at [signlanguage@usccr.gov](mailto:signlanguage@usccr.gov) at least seven (7) business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Dated: August 2, 2011.

**Kimberly A. Tolhurst,**  
Senior Attorney-Advisor.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
*Title:* Defining Target Levels for Ecosystem Targets: A Socio-Ecological Approach.

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (request for a new, one-time information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 250.

*Needs and Uses:* This notice is for the request of a new information collection. The creation of the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) allowed for a group of private and public entities, local citizens, tribes and businesses to begin to collectively work toward restoring the ecological health of the Puget Sound. With the PSP's inception, the Puget Sound ecosystem has become a national example of ecosystem-based management (EBM) implementation. The Partnership Action Agenda identified 80 near-term actions that are required for ecosystem recovery. These actions, however, will require specific performance measures.

Ecosystems can contain numerous species, and a mean level of species placement within a predator/prey chain or food web can serve as an ecological indicator. Similarly, measures of relative biodiversity may provide indications of ecological health and therefore function as ecological indicators. Such indicators can facilitate EBM, when target levels for indicators exist. Because targets are an expression of the desired state of the ecosystem, establishing targets must include both ecological understanding and societal values. This project will develop a unique approach for identifying scientifically rigorous ecosystem targets that explicitly considers social perspectives. For this reason, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center seeks to conduct social norm analyses which involve a survey of Puget Sound community stakeholders. Stakeholders will be asked, via telephone survey, a series of general questions regarding their views on the Puget Sound environment and the desirability of a range of potential ecosystem conditions for the Puget Sound.

A random digit dial phone survey will be conducted. The survey will be voluntary, and contacted individuals may decline to participate. Respondents will be asked to respond to statements regarding their perceptions of the health of the Puget Sound. Demographic and employment information will be collected so that responses can be