

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether to authorize timber harvest, associated road construction, and road management on Wrangell Island.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary significant issues identified for this project include 1) timber supply and timber sale economics, 2) old-growth reserve designs, and 3) road access and management.

Preliminary Permits, Licenses or Other Requirements

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC); Facility Response Plan (FRP) required under the Clean Water Act (CWA), as revised by the Oil Pollution Act, or as required under 40 CFR part 112.

State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation: Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) for point source and stormwater discharges; Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification); Storm water discharge permit/National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System review under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (402); Solid Waste Disposal Permit.

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Authorization for occupancy and use of tidelands and submerged lands.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent reinitiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. 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. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. However, comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.

Individuals and entities as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding this proposed action during this scoping period or any designated opportunity for written public comment may file an objection. Objections will only be accepted from those who have

previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a).

Maps and detailed information on the project are available on the Wrangell Island Project EIS Web page located at: (http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34831).

Dated: August 9, 2013.

Patricia O'Connor,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests; Ely Ranger District; Ely Westside Rangeland Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Ely Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a proposal to authorize continued livestock grazing on National Forest System (NFS) lands within the boundaries administered by the Ely Ranger District. The Project Area is located in White Pine, Lincoln, and Nye counties, Nevada.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were distributed in September 2011. While considering an appeal on the Record of Decision, it became apparent that clarification of some elements in the selected alternative, Alternative 1 (Proposed Action), was warranted. On January 6, 2012, the Record of Decision was withdrawn. This SEIS is being prepared to clarify several elements of Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) and to provide additional information on the development of stocking rates on the allotments in the project area.

DATES: The Draft SEIS is expected to be released for public review and comment in August of 2013 and the Final SEIS is expected to be released in November of 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Vernon Keller, Environmental Coordinator, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, mail

correspondence to or contact Vernon Keller, NEPA Coordinator, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431. The telephone number is: 775-355-5356. Email address is: vkeller@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Initiation of the Ely Westside Rangeland Project began in 2006 with the original Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 2006 (Vol. 71, Number 227). The Draft EIS was released in June of 2011 for a 45 day comment period. The Final EIS and Record of Decision were released simultaneously on September 28, 2011. These documents, which include descriptions of the purpose and need, the proposed action, and two alternatives to the proposed action, can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/htnf/elywestrange>.

One appeal was filed against the 2011 Record of Decision. On January 6, 2012, the Forest Supervisor withdrew the Record of Decision, finding that additional clarification in the Final Environmental Impact Statement was desirable.

Purpose and Need for Action

As stated in Final EIS released in 2011, this action is being considered at this time because current and prospective permittees have expressed a desire to graze or continue grazing on allotments in the project area and the Rescissions Act of 1995 directs the Forest Service to establish and adhere to a schedule to complete environmental analyses and decisions on all allotments. The purpose of the proposed federal action is to authorize livestock grazing under terms and conditions designed to sustain and improve the health of the land and protect essential ecosystem functions and values. The need for the proposed federal action is to allow these allotments to continue to contribute to the overall desired Animal Use Month (AUM) production for the Humboldt National Forest while improving the gap between existing and desired rangeland conditions.

Proposed Action

As outlined in the Final EIS released in 2011, the Proposed Action would authorize domestic livestock grazing on the nine of the twelve allotments in the Project Area. Under this alternative, proper use criteria (forage utilization and streambank alteration) would be based on the current ecological conditions (functioning, functioning-at-risk, or non-functioning) within each allotment.

The ecological condition of the allotments would continue to be evaluated through a long-term monitoring process. If long-term monitoring indicates the ecological condition of the allotment has changed, then the set of proper use criteria associated with that ecological condition would be applied to the allotment. The Proposed Action includes a non-significant Forest Plan amendment to open the Troy Mountain Allotment to livestock grazing.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

In addition to the Proposed Action, two additional alternatives have been identified for analysis in the SETS:

1. Current Management Alternative: Continue current grazing management.
2. No Grazing Alternative: Eliminate grazing on all the allotments in the project area immediately.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is: William Dunkelberger, Forest Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will decide whether or not to incorporate the supplemental information and analysis into the FEIS. The Responsible Official will also decide whether to authorize grazing (and if so, under what terms and conditions) on the allotments in the Ely Westside Rangeland Project area.

The objection process described in 36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B will be used as this project goes forward, instead of the appeal process described in 36 CFR part 215. After the comments on the Draft Supplement are considered, a Final Supplemental EIS and a Draft Record of Decision will be prepared and circulated. Those who commented during any designated opportunity for public comment on this project will have eligibility to file an objection on the draft Record of Decision.

Scoping Process

Scoping was conducted for the original EIS. The scoping period for this EIS was formally initiated on November 27, 2006 when the original notice of intent for this project was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 71, Number 227). Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)). The supplement will be subject to notice and comment. A draft supplemental EIS will be published and made available for review and comment for 45 days, following direction at 36 CFR 218.25. Comments on the draft

supplemental EIS will be limited to the supplemental information to the 2011 EIS.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents. (Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

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William A. Dunkelberger,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Risk Management Agency

[Docket No. RMA-2013-0001]

Notice To Reopen Comment Period for Federal Crop Insurance Program Delivery Cost Survey and Interviews

ACTION: Notice to reopen comment period to request comments on the script for interviews of Approved Insurance Providers, and on the survey instruments for insurance agents and insured producers.

SUMMARY: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are reopening the comment period to request comments on the script for interviews of Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs), and on the survey instruments for insurance agents and insured producers, for a new information collection "Federal Crop Insurance Program Delivery Cost Survey and Interviews" that is currently under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The survey instruments will also serve as the scripts for the interviews of insurance agents and insured producers, respectively.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), RMA has previously sought public comment on an information collection request related to a study of Federal crop insurance program delivery costs. As part of the study RMA plans to conduct interviews with AIPs, insurance agents, and insured producers, and conduct surveys of insurance agents and insured producers.

RMA will use the information collected from the interviews, surveys, and other information to construct estimates of the reasonable cost of delivery for the Federal crop insurance program.

Copies of the AIP interview scripts and survey questions may be obtained by contacting Kent Lanclos by phone at (202) 205-3933, or by email kent.lanclos@rma.usda.gov. To review the Farmers and Agent's surveys you can go to http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=201212-0563-001.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 16, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: FCIC prefers that comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID No. RMA-2013-0001, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Stan Harkey, Product Analysis & Accounting Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency, Beacon Facility-Mail Stop 0811, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141-6205, (816) 926-3799.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, and can be accessed by the public. All comments must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information, see <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you are submitting comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and want to attach a document, we ask that it be in a text-based format. If you want to attach a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, it must be scanned as text and not as an image, thus allowing FCIC to search and copy certain portions of your submissions. For questions regarding attaching a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, please contact the RMA Web Content Team at (816) 823-4694 or by email at rmaweb.content@rma.usda.gov.

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