

validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: February 25, 2014.

J Lenise Lago,

Deputy Chief, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ochoco National Forest, Paulina Ranger District; Oregon; Gap Fuels and Vegetation Management Project EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Ochoco National Forest is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the effects of managing fuels and vegetation within the 38,145-acre Gap project area, which is east of Prineville, Oregon. The project area includes National Forest System lands in the Upper North Fork Crooked River and Horse Heaven Creek-Crooked River Watersheds. The alternatives that will be analyzed include the proposed action, no action, and additional alternatives that respond to issues generated through the scoping process. The Ochoco National Forest will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so interested and affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by April 3, 2014. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be completed and available for public comment in November, 2014. The final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in March, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Sandy Henning, District Ranger, Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. Alternately, electronic comments may be sent to *comments-pacific.northwest-ochoco@fs.fed.us*. Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual email message, or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcy Anderson, Project Leader, at 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or at (541) 416-6463, or by email at *marcelleanderson@fs.fed.us*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The general purpose of entering this project area is to contribute to the resiliency of the landscape and to promote vegetative conditions that are similar to what occurred historically. The project's planning team is considering management activities that would promote and sustain late and old structured stands, increase resistance of forested vegetation to insects, disease and stand-replacing wildfire, and improve the condition of riparian vegetation.

Preliminary field work in the Gap project area indicated that vegetation conditions in the project area have departed from the historic condition in several ways:

- Changes in tree species compositions.
- A reduction in late and old structured forest.
- A reduction in open-canopy stands.
- An increased risk of large-scale loss of forest to wildfire.
- An increased risk of insect infestation and/or disease that can impact forested stands.
- A decline in the condition of riparian vegetation.

The Purpose and Need was developed based upon direction from the Ochoco Forest Plan and opportunities identified during preliminary field visits.

1. There is a need to strategically reduce forest vegetation density and fuel loadings towards a historic range of variability to provide a range of forest conditions and habitats that would support historic disturbance processes, native wildlife and plant species.

2. There is a need to increase or maintain large tree structure and to maintain the abundance of early-seral and fire tolerant species compositions, i.e. ponderosa pine, western larch and Douglas-fir.

3. There is a need to improve riparian conditions and associated upland

vegetation within Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCA) and maintain and enhance hardwood communities.

4. There is a need to contribute to the local and regional economies by providing timber and other wood fiber products now and in the future.

Proposed Action

The proposed action includes a variety of management strategies and activities, including commercial thinning with follow-up precommercial thinning and/or prescribed burning (16,665 acres), precommercial thinning with prescribed burning (3,340 acres), meadow restoration (300 acres), riparian restoration (9 sites), and aspen stand restoration (30 sites). Implementation of the proposed action would require some connected actions; these include use of temporary roads on existing disturbance (23 miles), use of new temporary roads (8 miles), and road reconstruction (3 miles). The proposal also includes closure or decommissioning of 21 miles of roads in the project area.

Responsible Official

The responsible official will be Kate Klein, Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the deciding official will review the proposed action, the other alternatives, and the environmental consequences in order to decide whether and under what circumstances fuels and vegetation management will be implemented in the Gap Fuels and Vegetation project area.

Preliminary Issues

The project's interdisciplinary team has developed a list of preliminary issues that will be used during the analysis of effects. Other issues may arise as a result of public comment and further analysis. Preliminary issues include:

- *Invasive Plant Species (Noxious Weeds)*. Several populations of noxious weeds are known to exist within the project area. There is a risk that management activities may exacerbate the weed situation by spreading existing populations or introducing new ones.

- *Peck's Mariposa Lily*. Management activities can improve habitat for this sensitive species, but also risk impacting individual plants and/or habitat where it occurs in the project area.

- *Soil Productivity*. Maintenance of soil productivity is an important objective for management of National

Forest Lands. When mechanized equipment is used in the Forest, soil can become displaced and compacted, which can impact productivity.

- **Water Quality.** Management activities can result in reduced shade on streams, as well as contribute sediment into the streams, which impacts water quality and decreases habitat quality for fish and other riparian fauna.

- **Wildlife Habitat.** Activities intended to improve forest health and resiliency may reduce habitat effectiveness for some wildlife species, including forest raptors and big game.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates 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. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.

Dated: February 25, 2014.

Sandra J. Henning,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

San Juan National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The San Juan National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Durango, Colorado. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act.

The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and recommend new project proposals and review past funded projects.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Sonoran meetings rooms at the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. 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 the San Juan Public Lands Center. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bond, San Juan National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator by phone at 970 385-1219 or via email at abond@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/>. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by April 15, 2014 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Ann Bond, San Juan National Forest RAC Coordinator, San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301; or by email to abond@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 970 375-2331.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: February 25, 2014.

Ron J. Archuleta,

Acting San Juan National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 238—Dublin, Virginia; Application for Reorganization under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, Inc., grantee of FTZ 238, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on February 26, 2014.

FTZ 238 was approved by the Board on August 5, 1999 (Board Order 1047, 64 FR 8/24/99). The current zone includes the following sites: *Site 1* (35 acres)—warehouse facilities within the New River Valley Airport, VA Route 100, Dublin; and, *Site 2* (15 acres)—facility located at 4100 Bob White Blvd., Pulaski.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would include the Counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Campbell, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke,