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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.

Dated: March 24, 2017.

Glenn P. Casamassa,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho; John Wood Forest Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Soda Springs Ranger District proposes to conduct forest vegetation management activities and road work in a 5,590-acre project area within the Wood Canyon and Johnson Creek drainages located in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, approximately six miles east of Soda Springs, Idaho. The project area has a forest vegetation management emphasis designated in the Caribou Revised Forest Plan (RFP) (2003). Overall, the landscape in which the project area is located has been identified as being outside of desired conditions outlined in the RFP with respect to forest structure and species composition.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 1, 2017. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August 2017 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Soda Springs Ranger District, 410 East Hooper Avenue, Soda Springs, ID 83276. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-soda-springs@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (208) 547-2235.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Beck, Project Leader, (208) 847-8941. A public scoping letter with more

details is posted on the forest Web site (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects>). In addition, a copy of the Caribou RFP is available on the forest Web site (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ctnf/landmanagement/planning>).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the project proposal is to improve the overall composition, health and resilience of the forest within the project area, utilize and improve timber resources, and improve the Forest transportation system.

The project proposal is needed because a fire regime condition class assessment of the forested landscape indicated that the landscape qualifies as Condition Class 2. This means that the vegetation composition, structure and fuels have moderate departure from the natural regime and predispose the system to risk of loss of key ecosystem components. Also, the project area is within a Caribou RFP 5.2 prescription area. *The emphasis in this prescription area is on scheduled wood-fiber production, timber growth and yield, while maintaining or restoring forested ecosystems* (RFP at 4-71). This prescription area also sets the following guidelines: *[p]ractices to prevent or control natural disturbances, such as insects and disease losses and wildfire, are emphasized.* (RFP at 4-72) and *where aspen exists, it should be maintained or enhanced as a component through restoration treatments* (RFP at 4-72). Many of the stands in the project area that were previously harvested are becoming overly dense, which impacts growth and yield and increases risk to forest pests such as the western spruce budworm. Finally, there is a need to address the poor condition and resource concerns of the existing transportation system within the project area.

Proposed Action

A combination of vegetation management activities would occur on approximately 760 acres. More specifically, approximately 395 acres are proposed for selection harvest, which would require approximately 1.6 miles of temporary road construction to facilitate the harvest. Additionally, approximately 365 acres are proposed for non-harvest stand-tending treatments (pre-commercial thinning,

piling, pile burning, jackpot burning and chopping).

Several different types of road work are also proposed. The road work is proposed to meet transportation system needs for timber removal, resource needs, and public safety. It is proposed to reconstruct and improve the condition of approximately 5.1 miles of roads within the project area. This would include activities such as blading and shaping the road bed, spot graveling, culvert replacements, and other minor repairs. Approximately, 2.3 miles of road has been identified as needing to be relocated to address resource concerns. These roads will be located in the same general area, but large portions will be moved to a new foot print. Additionally, it is proposed to construct Road 574 in a more sustainable location (1.6 miles new construction), obliterate the previous location along with several other short segments of road (2.1 miles), and close 0.3 miles. Development of a gravel pit within the project area is also be considered.

Possible Alternatives

The Forest Service would develop alternatives to the proposed action based on internal and public scoping comments and analyze any viable alternatives in a draft environmental impact statement.

Responsible Official

Soda Springs District Ranger, Bryan K. Fuell, is the responsible official.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decisions to be made include whether to implement the proposed action, as designed; whether there are other alternatives capable of satisfying the purpose and need; and whether any mitigation measures or monitoring is required to implement the proposed action or alternatives. These decisions would be made in the record of decision, which would be issued following the publication of a final environmental impact statement and completion of the Forest Service objection process (36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B).

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. At this time, no public meeting will be held. This decision may be reconsidered depending on the outcome of scoping. In addition to this notice of intent, a legal notice will be published in the Idaho State Journal, newspaper of

record, to ensure wide distribution of this notice.

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. Per 36 CFR 218, only those who provide specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity will be eligible to file an objection. 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.

An additional opportunity for public participation will occur during the public comment period on the draft environmental impact statement, which will be initiated by the publication of a notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 22, 2017.

Jeanne M. Higgins,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-48-2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone 53—Tulsa, Oklahoma; Application for Subzone; Premier Logistics, LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 53, requesting subzone status for the facility of Premier Logistics, LLC, located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of 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 March 24, 2017.

The proposed subzone (10 acres) is located at 4937 South 45th West Avenue in Tulsa. The proposed subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit

of FTZ 53. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 9, 2017. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 24, 2017.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Camille Evans at Camille.Evans@trade.gov or (202) 482-2350.

Dated: March 24, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-81-2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 134—Chattanooga, Tennessee; Authorization of Production Activity (Passenger Motor Vehicle Production), Chattanooga, Tennessee

On November 25, 2016, Volkswagen Group of America—Chattanooga Operations, LLC (VW) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within FTZ 134—Site 3, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (81 FR 88210-88211, December 7, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

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Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-17-2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone 87—Lake Charles, Louisiana Application for Expansion of Subzone 87F; Westlake Chemical Corporation, Sulphur, Louisiana

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District, grantee of FTZ 87, requesting an expansion of Subzone 87F on behalf of Westlake Chemical Corporation. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 24, 2017.

Subzone 87F was approved on October 25, 2016 (Board Order 2016, 81 FR 76915, November 4, 2016). The subzone currently consists of the following sites: *Site 1* (583.88 acres)—Petro Operations, 900 Highway 108, Sulphur; *Site 2* (70.83 acres)—Poly Operations, 3525 Cities Services Highway, Sulphur; and, *Site 3* (691.78 acres)—Marine Terminal Operations, 1820 PAK Tank Road, Sulphur. The subzone also includes several pipelines.

The applicant is requesting authority to expand the subzone to include two additional sites: *Site 4* (39.52 acres)—North Plant, 1600 VCM Plant Road, Westlake; and, *Site 5* (1,633 acres, 2 parcels)—South Plant, 1300 PPG Drive, Westlake. The proposed expansion would also include several pipelines. A notification of proposed production activity has been submitted and is being processed under 15 CFR 400.37 (Doc. B-87-2016).

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 9, 2017. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 24, 2017.