

elevated risk of high-severity wildfire that would result in forest and wildlife habitat losses and watershed degradation. The treatments proposed to create the desired conditions may cause short-term impacts to sensitive resources, including California spotted owl protected activity centers.

Responsible Officials

The Responsible Officials will be Amy Reid, Acting Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest, and Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest.

Scoping Comments and the Objection Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In this process the Agency is requesting comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and identification of any relevant information, studies, or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. There will be up to two public workshops during the scoping period.

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 final EIS; therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. Commenting during scoping and any other designated opportunity to comment provided by the Responsible Official as prescribed by the applicable regulations will also govern eligibility to object once the final EIS and draft Record of Decision has been published. 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, they will not be used to establish eligibility for the objection process.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Permits, Licenses or other Authorizations Required

The Project includes actions within aquatic or riparian areas that may be subject to future permitting requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 401 of the CWA, and/or Section 1600 et seq of California Fish and Game Code.

Additionally, the Project will require consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on listed species. Based on current and potential future funding from the state of California, compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act will be required.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the Responsible Officials will determine whether the proposed actions comply with all applicable laws governing Forest Service actions and with the applicable standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plans of the Eldorado National Forest and Stanislaus National Forest; whether the EIS has sufficient environmental analysis to make an informed decision; and whether the proposed action and any action alternatives meet the purpose and needs for action. With this information, the Responsible Officials must decide whether to select the proposed action and what, if any, additional actions should be required.

Substantive Provisions

The substantive provisions of 36 CFR 219.8 through 219.11 that may directly apply to the proposed project-specific forest plan amendments are 36 CFR 219.9 Diversity of Plant and Animal Communities, (a) Ecosystem plan components, (1) Ecosystem integrity (36 CFR 219 (a)(1)); 36 CFR 219.9 Diversity of Plant and Animal Communities, (a) Ecosystem plan components, (2) Ecosystem diversity, (i) key characteristics associated with the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem types (36 CFR 219(a)(2)(I)); 36 CFR 219.9 Diversity of Plant and Animal Communities, (a) Ecosystem plan components, (2) Ecosystem diversity, (ii) rare aquatic and terrestrial plant and animal communities (36 CFR 219 (a)(2)(ii)); and 36 CFR 219.8 Sustainability, (b) Social and Economic Sustainability, (1) Social, cultural, and economic conditions relevant to the area

influenced by the plan (36 CFR 219.8(b)(1)).

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Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

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Department of Commerce Open Government Plan

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments for the Department of Commerce Open Government Plan; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Privacy and Open Government issued a request for public comments (RFC) on improvements to the presentation of the Department's eighth Open Government Plan. That request sought public input on how to improve upon the organization, scope, form, and format of the Department's seventh Open Government Plan document, how to enhance readability and reach a broader audience, and how best to convey in the document how the Department's eighth Open Government Plan incorporates themes from the fifth U.S. Open Government National Action Plan that was issued on December 28, 2022. The comment period for the Open Government Plan closed on September 6, 2024. Unfortunately, the RFC was not available for public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Accordingly, the Department hereby reopens the comment period for an additional 60 days.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published August 7, 2024, at 89 FR 64405, is reopened. Comments on this notice must be submitted on or before November 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. All public comments received are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and will be posted in their entirety at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal and business confidential

information provided. Only include information you would like to be made public.

Instructions: Response to this RFC is voluntary. Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the response. Responses containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of or electronic links to the referenced materials. Please do not submit copyrighted material. OPOG will not consider responses containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language or content. Any information obtained from this RFC is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis. The Department of Commerce will not respond to individual submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to open@doc.gov with “Open Government Plan RFC” in the subject line, or by mail to Office of Privacy and Open Government, U.S. Department of Commerce, Attn: Jennifer Goode, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Open Government and Departmental Privacy Act Officer, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Mail Stop 61013, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-1190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with OMB Memorandum M-09-12, President’s Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government—Interagency Collaboration, OMB Memorandum M-10-06, Open Government Directive, and OMB Memorandum M-16-16, 2016 Agency Open Government Plans, the Department continues to develop, publish, and update its Open Government Plan every two years. The Plan describes how the Department continuously strives to improve transparency and integrate public participation and collaboration into its activities. In September 2022, the Department published the seventh version of its Open Government Plan, building on the Department’s long history of innovative approaches to data dissemination and highlighting the adoption of new tools and technology to facilitate the principles of open government.

Now, as the Department develops the eighth version of its Open Government Plan, we welcome public input on how to improve upon the approach we took for the presentation of the seventh version of the Open Government Plan, including how to improve the organization, scope, form and format of the plan; enhance readability; and reach a broader audience. We also welcome

public input on how best to convey how the Department will incorporate the following themes from the fifth U.S. Open Government National Action Plan, issued on December 28, 2022:

- improving access to government data, research, and information;
 - increasing civic space within which to engage with the public;
 - transforming government service delivery;
 - countering corruption and ensuring government integrity and accountability to the public; and
 - ensuring equal justice under the law.
- Please Note:* The focus of this request for information is the presentation of the Department’s Open Government Plan document. Comments or suggestions for improvements to the Department’s programs or activities in furtherance of open government will not be considered in connection with this request for information.

To learn more about the Department’s commitment to open government and to access the seventh or previous versions of the Department’s Open Government Plan, visit www.commerce.gov/open. To learn more about the fifth U.S. Open Government National Action Plan, visit: <https://open.usa.gov/national-action-plan/5/>.

Charles R. Cutshall,

Department of Commerce, Director of Open Government, Office of Privacy and Open Government.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-50-2024]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 49, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Merck, Sharp & Dohme LLC; (Pharmaceutical Products for Research and Development); Rahway, New Jersey

Merck, Sharp & Dohme LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Rahway, New Jersey, within Subzone 49Y. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board’s regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 18, 2024.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and

subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board’s website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. The proposed finished product and material/component would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board’s website.

The proposed finished product for research and development is MK-6878 HIV drug product (duty-free).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is MK-6878 HIV active pharmaceutical ingredient (duty rate, 6.5%). The request indicates that this material/component is subject to duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is November 5, 2024.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the “Online FTZ Information System” section of the Board’s website.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov.

Dated: September 23, 2024.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-29-2024]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 32; Authorization of Production Activity; J.J.C. International Distributors LLC dba Clar Company; (Galvanized Steel Products); Miami, Florida

On May 23, 2024, J.J.C. International Distributors LLC dba Clar Company submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 32, in Miami, Florida.

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 (89 FR 47129, May 31, 2024). On September 20, 2024, the