

final EIS is scheduled to be completed in January 1998. The Forest Service is required to respond in the final EIS to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and rationale in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sugarbush Resort EIS, Ski Area Improvement and Development Analysis, Green Mountain National Forest; Washington County, VT

AGENCY: USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose effects of alternative decisions it may make to allow upgrading and/or development of recreational facilities within the existing permit boundaries of the Sugarbush Resort, on the Rochester Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received on or before September 19, 1997. The Forest Service predicts the Draft EIS will be filed during late Winter 1998 and the Final EIS during late Spring 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Beth LeClair, Rochester District Ranger, Green Mountain National Forest, RR #2 Box 35, Rochester, Vermont 05767. James W. Bartelme, Forest Supervisor, Green Mountain National Forest, is the Responsible Official for this EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Bayer, Project Coordinator, Manchester Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest—(802) 362-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Special Use Permittee, Sugarbush Resort Holdings, Inc. (SRHI), is proposing that improvements to the Sugarbush ski area be made which include upgrading existing facilities and constructing new

facilities. The scope of their proposal includes eleven categories: (1) Development of tree skiing and snowboarding at Lincoln Peak; (2) expanded snowmaking on seven existing trails at Lincoln Peak; (3) the connection of Lincoln Peak and Mount Ellen snowmaking systems with two air pipelines; (4) upgrade of two chair lifts and installation of a tow and magic carpet at Lincoln Peak; (5) installation of night lighting along Easy Rider Trail and the Village Quad at Lincoln Peak to facilitate night skiing; (6) trail expansions at Lincoln Peak and Mount Ellen; (7) construction of a seasonal performing arts center at Lincoln Peak; (8) installation of one view deck at Mount Ellen; (9) expansion of an existing lodge and construction of a new lodge at Lincoln Peak; (10) exchanging approximately 243 acres of privately owned land and/or moneys that in total equal the appraised value of two parcels of National Forest System land (a 57-acre parcel adjacent to their existing permit area at the base of Lincoln Peak which would be used as a site for a new hotel, and a 32-acre parcel surrounded by private property in Slide Brook); and (11) increasing the current comfortable carrying capacity stipulated in SRHI's special use permit from 8,650 skiers to 10,550 skiers.

The aforementioned categories constitute all actions proposed on National Forest System lands and falling within the existing permit area boundary. Most of the elements of this proposal are part of the 1996 Sugarbush Resort Master Plan Update. Because this plan also includes "reasonably foreseeable" development activities that could further impact resources in the project area, this EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the full implementation of the plan. The applicant's proposal also would involve development on adjacent private lands which have land use jurisdictions outside of Forest Service control, and therefore are not subject to NEPA analysis.

The site-specific environmental analysis provided by the EIS will assist the Responsible Official in determining which improvements are needed to meet the following objectives: improve the quality and efficiency of the services and facilities offered at the resort; allow SRHI to provide a more complete, higher quality year-round recreational experience; and sustain the resource uses and amenity values which local communities depend on and enjoy.

Public participation will be incorporated into preparation of the EIS under the provisions of NEPA. The

Forest Service invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis to be included in the draft EIS. A substantial amount of scoping has been completed under an earlier Environmental Assessment. Information gained from that scoping effort was used to determine that an EIS was needed. Major issues identified include: (1) Analyzing all portions of proposed developments at Sugarbush Resort at one time, (2) including the hotel and land exchange in the analysis, (3) justifying the need for night lighting, (4) analyzing impacts to wildlife habitat, (5) increasing traffic associated with the expansion, (6) increasing air and noise pollution, and (7) analyzing impacts of night lighting to the view of the night sky. The Forest Service will be seeking additional scoping information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as other individuals or groups who may be interested or affected by the proposed action. This information will be used in preparing the EIS. Public meetings will be held to assist in the public involvement process. The exact locations and dates of these meetings will be published in the local newspapers at least two weeks in advance.

Preliminary alternatives include the applicant's proposal (described above) and No Action, which in this case is continuing current administration of the ski area. Additional alternatives will be developed based on scoping comments. The Responsible Official will be presented with a range of feasible and practical alternatives.

Permits and licenses required to implement the proposed action will, or may, include the following: Section 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers; consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; compliance with the Act 250 process for the State of Vermont; as well as cooperation from other Local, State, or Federal agencies.

The Forest Service will seek comments on the Draft EIS for a period of at least 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. Comments will be summarized and responded to in the Final EIS.

The Forest Service believes it is important, at this early stage, to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 they can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS 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. Please note that comments on the Draft EIS will be regarded as public information.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration,
International Trade Administration,
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to request administrative review of antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspension of investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may request, in accordance with section 351.213 of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations (19 CFR 351.213 (1997)), that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

Opportunity To Request A Review: Not later than the last day of August 1997, interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in August for the following periods:

	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceeding	
Argentina: Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-357-810	8/1/96-7/31/97
Argentina: Seamless Pipe, A-357-809	8/1/96-7/31/97
Australia: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Flat Products, A-602-803	8/1/96-7/31/97
Belgium: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-423-805	8/1/96-7/31/97
Belgium: Phosphoric Acid, A-423-602	8/1/96-7/31/97
Brazil: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-351-817	8/1/96-7/31/97
Brazil: Seamless Pipe, A-351-826	8/1/96-7/31/97
Canada: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-122-822	8/1/96-7/31/97
Canada: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-122-823	8/1/96-7/31/97
Canda: Magnesium, A-122-814	8/1/96-7/31/97
Finland: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-405-802	8/1/96-7/31/97
France: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-427-808	8/1/96-7/31/97
France: Industrial Nitrocellulose, A-427-009	8/1/96-7/31/97
Germany: Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-428-814	8/1/96-7/31/97
Germany: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-428-815	8/1/96-7/31/97
Germany: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-428-816	8/1/96-7/31/97
Germany: Seamless Pipe, A-428-820	8/1/96-7/31/97
Israel: Phosphoric Acid, A-508-604	8/1/96-7/31/97
Italy: Grain Oriented Electrical Steel, A-475-811	8/1/96-7/31/97
Italy: Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-475-816	8/1/96-7/31/97
Italy: PTFE Resin, A-475-703	8/1/96-7/31/97
Italy: Seamless Pipe, A-475-814	8/1/96-7/31/97
Japan: Acrylic Sheet, A-588-055	8/1/96-7/31/97
Japan: Brass Sheet & Strip, A-588-704	8/1/96-7/31/97
Japan: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-588-824	8/1/96-7/31/97
Japan: Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-588-835	8/1/96-7/31/97
Japan: PTFE Resin, A-588-707	8/1/96-7/31/97
Kazakhstan: Titanium Sponge, A-834-803	8/1/96-7/31/97
Mexico: Cement, A-201-802	8/1/96-7/31/97
Mexico: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-201-809	8/1/96-7/31/97
Mexico: Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-201-817	8/1/96-7/31/97
Poland: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-455-802	8/1/96-7/31/97
Romania: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-485-803	8/1/96-7/31/97
Russia: Titanium Sponge, A-823-803	8/1/96-7/31/97
South Korea: Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-580-815	8/1/96-7/31/97
South Korea: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-580-816	8/1/96-7/31/97
South Korea: Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-580-825	8/1/96-7/31/97
Spain: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate, A-469-803	8/1/96-7/31/97