

federal regulatory guidelines, and (3) to install air and water pipelines on existing ski terrain to increase snowmaking coverage from 527 to 635 acres. No new ski terrain is proposed.

Management Direction

The proposed action is consistent with the long-range goals for this area as defined in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Green Mountain National Forest. That Forest Plan was approved on January 15, 1987. Under that Forest Plan, the area encompassed by the Mount Snow Ski Area is assigned to management under prescription 7.1A. This management prescription emphasizes highly developed recreation, including downhill ski areas. The purpose of prescription 7.1A is to provide opportunities for recreation requiring highly developed structures and facilities, maintain a visually appealing landscape, and manage for other resource uses in a compatible way. The Forest Service does not anticipate the need for any amendments to the Land and Resource Management Plan as a result of this snowmaking proposal since all new snowmaking will be located within the boundary of the existing SUP or on private land.

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives to meet the objectives of this proposal. One of these will be the "no action" alternative, in which none of the proposed activities would be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal's purposes, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values. Proposed alternatives have been determined by the proponent based on a preliminary Snowmaking Water Supply Needs and Alternatives Analysis, which is currently being finalized, in which twelve water sources have been studied. Various screening factors were analyzed including water availability, on-site development costs, pond volume, and environmental impacts.

The EIS will analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the alternatives. Past, present, and projected activities on both private and National Forest lands will be considered. The EIS will disclose the analysis of site-specific mitigation measures and their effectiveness.

Public participation is an important part of the analysis, commencing with the initial scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7), which will occur upon publication of this notification. In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any

time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. The proposed project will be presented at an Open House in the local area, where representatives from the Green Mountain National Forest will be available to discuss the proposed project and provide additional information.

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the Draft EIS. Please note that comments will be regarded as public information. The scoping process will be used to:

1. Identify potential issues.
2. Identify major issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminate minor issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis, such as the Green Mountain Forest Plan EIS.
4. Identify alternatives to the proposed action.
5. Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects).
6. Determine potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Preliminary issues identified to date include:

- Is the project consistent with the Deerfield River Settlement?
- Potential effects of increased snow deposition on stream runoff.
- Potential effects on aquatic habitat.
- Potential effects on Mount Snow's ability to compete in the marketplace.

Other issues commonly associated with ski area development include: effects on cultural resources, water quality, soils, sensitive species, and scenery values. This list may be verified, expanded, or modified based on public scoping for this proposal.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in March, 1998. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in management of the Mount Snow Ski Area participate at that time. To be most helpful, comments on the Draft EIS should be as site-specific as possible. The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by June 1998.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings

related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements 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 US 519.553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 scoping comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in developing issues and alternatives.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. 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.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from procurement list

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the procurement list services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete services previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Janitorial/Custodial
West Los Angeles USARC
Los Angeles, California

NPA: Lincoln Training Center & Rehabilitation Workshop, South El Monte, California

Laundry Service

Puget Sound Health Care System
Veterans Administration Medical Center
American Lake/Seattle, Washington

NPA: Northwest Center for the Retarded, Seattle, Washington

Deletions

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following services have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Commissary Shelf Stocking, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California

Commissary Shelf Stocking, Naval Air Station, Long Beach, California

Commissary Shelf Stocking & Custodial, Naval Station, Treasure Island, California

Administrative Services, Federal Supply Service, Tool Acquisition Division I, Arlington, Virginia

Food Service, White Sands Missile Range, Consolidated Dining Facility, White Sands, New Mexico

Janitorial/Custodial, Social Security Administration, 4377 Mission Street, San Francisco, California

Janitorial/Custodial, Weather Bureau Building 2400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, 6000 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Janitorial/Custodial, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Warehouse, 5000-5010 Boiling Brook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial, Federal Building, 35 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, New York

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Moore Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah

Photocopying, National Agricultural Library Building, Beltsville, Maryland

Repair & Maintenance of Electric Typewriters, General Services Administration, Syracuse, New York.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the procurement list commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 28, June 20, 27 and July 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 14883, 33585, 34686 and 36256) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.