

Field test locations (including States added): Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to authorize the shipment of the above product and the initiation of the field trials after 14 days from the date of this notice. Because the issues raised by authorization of field trials and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA and FONSI that were generated for the field trials would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field trial data support the conclusions of the original EA and FONSI and the addendum, APHIS does not intend to generate a separate EA to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Therefore, APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this product following the completion of the field trials, provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified as a result of field testing this product and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Simultaneously, APHIS intends to issue licenses for three additional combination vaccines produced by Rhone Merieux, Inc., also for use in cats. These three vaccines—each of which contains the same canarypox-vectored rabies fraction present in the above-mentioned product but lacks one or two components present in that product—are as follows:

Product: Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Chlamydia Psittaci-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live Virus and Chlamydia, Canarypox Vector (Code 1619.R1);

Product: Feline Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live Virus, Canarypox Vector, (Code 16T9.R0); and

Product: Feline Leukemia-Rhinotracheitis-Calici-Panleukopenia-Rabies Vaccine, Modified Live and Killed Virus, Canarypox Vector (Code 16S9.R0).

Except for the canarypox-vectored rabies fraction, all components of the four products discussed in this notice are represented in currently licensed products.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of August 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Babione Project, Bighorn National Forest, Sheridan and Johnson Counties, Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement to disclose the environmental impacts on a proposal to harvest timber in the South Babione area, located on the Bighorn National Forest within Sheridan and Johnson Counties, Wyoming.

The proposal provides for: (1) timber harvest of approximately 350 acres of forested land and would result in approximately 3 million board feet of sawlog and utility timber; (2) construction of approximately 8 miles of permanent and temporary road and reconstruction of approximately 2 miles of road; and (3) a change in travel management by closing the area to off-road motorized travel.

The Forest Service invites comments and suggestions on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) from federal, state and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by the proposed action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Craig Yancy, District Ranger, Tongue Ranger District, 1969 South Sheridan Avenue, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trish Clabaugh, Interdisciplinary team leader, (307) 674–2683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1991, the Babione Timber Sale Environmental Assessment was signed

which included the South Babione area currently proposed for study. Since that time, a different road location has been proposed and revised harvest methods have been proposed to better meet the management area objectives in the 4B wildlife area within the project area.

The environmental impact statement for the South Babione Project will tier to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bighorn National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan of 1985. The project area is located south of Forest Development Road 299 and west of Antler Creek. The project area covers approximately 5,000 acres.

Purpose and Need

The South Babione Project is being scheduled to provide supplemental environmental analysis for the South Babione area. The purpose and need for this project is: (1) to implement the direction contained in the Bighorn National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan of 1985, including goals, objectives, management prescriptions, and standards and guidelines; (2) to improve the overall diversity and wildlife habitat of management indicator species; (3) to maintain wood production from suitable timber lands; (4) to help provide a supply of timber from the Bighorn National Forest which meets existing and potential market demand and is consistent with sound multiple use and sustained yield objectives; and (5) to determine proper travel management in the area.

Public Comment

Although scoping is reinitiated through this Notice of Intent, most comments received during earlier scoping efforts are considered applicable and will be retained. People who wish to update their earlier comments based on the revised purpose and need are encouraged to do so.

Following the publication of this notice, a scoping letter will be mailed to interested people and organizations. The letter will briefly describe the project and area, purpose and need for the action and will invite public comment.

Following scoping, the interdisciplinary team will review comments received during scoping to determine which issues are significant. The team will then develop a range of alternatives including the “no action” alternative, in which no timber harvest or road construction is proposed. Other alternatives will consider various levels and locations of timber harvest.

The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be filed with

the Environmental Protection Agency in April 1998. The comment period on the draft is 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Agencies and other interested persons or groups are invited to write or speak with Forest Service officials at any time during the planning process until the 45 day comment period on the draft ends. The final environmental impact statement and record of decision is expected to be completed in June 1998.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage 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 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement 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 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 the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement 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 you make on the draft environmental impact statement will be regarded as public information.

Decisions to be Made

Abigail Kimbell, Forest Supervisor, is the Responsible Official and will decide whether or not to authorize timber harvest within the South Babione Project Area. The Responsible Official will make a decision regarding this proposal after considering public comments and the information in the final environmental impact statement, and applicable laws, regulations and policies. The decision and supporting reason will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

Abigail R. Kimbell,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on September 17 and 18, 1997, in Garberville and Redway, CA. The PAC will take a field trip on September 17 to observe restoration and fisheries activities in the Garberville area. The field trip will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot of the Best Western Humboldt House, 701 Redwood Drive, Garberville, and conclude there at 4:00 p.m. A discussion of the field trip will be held at the breakfast room of the Best Western Humboldt House from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. that day. A business meeting will be held September 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Brass Rail meeting room, 3188 Redwood Drive, Redway, CA. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Presentation on Northwest Forest Plan implementation concerns; (2) Presentation on Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC)/PAC relations; (3) Presentation on the North Coast Geographic Information Cooperative; (4) Presentation on National Marine Fisheries Service steelhead listing announcement and clarification of consultation process/requirements for restoration projects RE: coho and steelhead; (5) Report and recommendations from the Public/Private/Tribal Partnership Opportunities Subcommittee; (6) Report and recommendations from the Monitoring Subcommittee; (7) Report and recommendations from the Work on the Ground Subcommittee to include

the Pacific Southwest Research fuels research proposal; (8) Report and recommendations from the PAC/SCERT coordinating committee; (9) Report and recommendations from Recreation/Tourism Subcommittee; (10) Report and recommendations from the Coho Subcommittee and (11) Open public forum. All California Coast Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (916) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (916) 934-3316.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Arthur Quintana,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on September 11 and 12, 1997 at the Park Community Center, Crater Lake National Park, Steel Circle, Crater Lake, Oregon. On September 11, the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meeting on September 12 will resume at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Klamath PAC salvage subcommittee recommendation update; (2) Northwest Forest Plan Implementation; (3) Subcommittee Reports; and (4) public comment periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Robert J. Anderson,

Planning Staff Officer.

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