

matters and procedures, including those dealing with official inventories and records; and perform such other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller.

Other Officials

19. Except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board, the operations of the Corporation shall be carried out through the facilities and personnel of FSA, FAS, FNS, AMS, and NRCS in accordance with any assignment of functions and responsibilities made by the Secretary of Agriculture and, within the respective agency or office, by the Administrator of FSA, FAS, FNS, or AMS, the Chief NRCS, or the General Sales Manager, FAS, as applicable.

20. The Directors of the divisions of FSA and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA shall be Contracting Officers of the Corporation and executives of the Corporation in general charge of the activities of the Corporation carried out through their respective divisions or offices in accordance with these Bylaws and applicable programs, policies, and procedures.

Contracts of the Corporation

21. Contracts of the Corporation relating to any of its activities may be executed in its name by the Secretary of Agriculture or the President. The Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, the Treasurer, the Directors of the divisions of FSA, and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may execute contracts relating to the activities of the Corporation for which they are respectively responsible.

22. The Executive Vice President and, subject to the written approval by the Executive Vice President of each appointment, the Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, the Directors of the divisions of FSA, and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may appoint, by written instrument, such Contracting Officers as they deem necessary, who may, to the extent authorized by such instrument, execute contracts in the name of the Corporation. A copy of each such instrument shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

23. Appointments of Contracting Officers may be revoked by written instruction or instrument by the

Executive Vice President or the official who made the appointment. A copy of each instrument shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

24. Employees of FSA, FAS, FNS, AMS and NRCS may execute contracts on behalf of the Corporation as delegated to them in accordance with applicable dockets of the Corporation, program regulations, or delegations approved by the President or Vice Presidents of the Corporation.

Annual Report

25. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual report of the activities of the Corporation, which shall be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the Board.

Amendments

26. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board.

Approval of Board Action

27. The actions of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

I, Juanita B. Daniels, Acting Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and correct copy of the Bylaws of Commodity Credit Corporation. As revised May 17, 1999.

In witness whereof I have officially subscribed my name and have caused the corporate seal of the said Corporation to be fixed this 17th day of May, 1999.

Juanita B. Daniels,

Acting Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Front Minerals Withdrawal EIS—Lewis and Clark and Helena National Forests

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to withdraw from locatable mineral entry, 429,000 acres of National Forest System lands along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front in Glacier, Pondera, Teton and Lewis and Clark Counties, Montana. Specific land descriptions were provided in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 5311-5312, Feb.

3, 1999) under the Bureau of Land Management Notice of Proposed withdrawal. The purpose of the proposal is to preserve the area for traditional cultural purposes by Native Americans, protect threatened and endangered species, and preserve the outstanding scenic values and roadless character. If approved, the withdrawal would remove National Forest System lands along the Rocky Mountain Front from new mining claims for up to 20 years. The EIS will be designed to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and implementing regulations (43 CFR 2310.1).

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received on or before July 6, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for public meeting dates.

ADDRESSES. Send written comments to Rick Prausa, Forest Supervisor, Lewis and Clark National Forest, 1101 15th Street North, Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403. Electronic mail may be sent to comment/rl—lewisclark@fs.fed.us. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional information about electronic filing and public meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Whittekiend, EIS Team Leader, (406) 466-5341 or (406) 791-7700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw from locatable mineral entry, National Forest System lands along the Rocky Mountain Front. The proposed mineral withdrawal is 429,000 acres of federal lands, subject to valid existing rights associated with the existing unpatented mining claims in the study area. The withdrawal would have an immediate effect on 426,800 acres of currently unclaimed federal land, which would be withdrawn for up to 20 years. The mineral withdrawal may or may not affect the remaining acreage (approximately 2,200 acres of unpatented mining claims), depending upon whether the 104 unpatented mining claims constitute valid existing rights. If these unpatented mining claims were abandoned or determined to be invalid, the mineral withdrawal would prohibit the relocation of new mining claims. The mineral withdrawal would be subject to review at the end of 20 years according to federal regulations. The primary purpose of the proposed mineral withdrawal is to preserve the area for tradition cultural uses by Native Americans, to protect threatened and endangered species and protect outstanding scenic values and roadless character. Many individuals and groups have expressed concern

about the potential of minerals development along the Rocky Mountain Front after the staking of 104 claims in the Blackleaf/Muddy Creek area.

The study area includes areas considered sacred to several Indian tribes. Traditional cultural uses that take place in the study area include religious ceremonies and gathering of traditional herbs. The study area provides habitat for several threatened and endangered species including grizzly bear, gray wolf, peregrine falcon, and bald eagle. The risks of mining development to these species include increased roading, habitat destruction and increased human presence. The scenic qualities of the study area are believed by many to be among the best in the nation. These qualities could be degraded by the development of mineral resources. Withdrawal of these lands would ensure that the cultural, biological and scenic resources of these lands would be maintained and the impacts of mining related activities would be reduced.

Decisions To Be Made

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, has filed an application with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to withdraw 429,000 acres of National Forest System lands from locatable mineral entry under the United States mining laws. The Forest Service will prepare an EIS. The Chief of the Forest Service will have two decisions to make: he will decide whether or not to recommend that the Secretary of the Interior withdraw this area. If the Secretary of the Interior withdraws the area, the Chief of the Forest Service will also amend the Lewis and Clark and Helena National Forest Plans to reflect the change in management of locatable hardrock minerals. The Chief's Forest Plan amendments decisions will be contingent on the Secretary of the Interior's withdrawal decision.

The Chief of the Forest Service will submit his decision and the EIS to the Montana State Director, Bureau of Land Management who will submit a recommendation to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The recommendation and supporting documentation will then be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for a decision. The authority to withdraw lands from mineral entry lies with the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary will decide which lands, if any, to withdraw, and for how long. The Secretary is limited to a maximum withdrawal period of 20 years. If a withdrawal of over 5,000 acres is approved, the Secretary of the Interior would advise Congress of the

withdrawal action being taken. No action is required by Congress to implement a mineral withdrawal. Congress can terminate a withdrawal with a concurrent resolution from the House and Senate within 90 days of the approval of the Public Land Order. At the end of the 20 year period, the withdrawal decision would be reviewed to determine if it is appropriate to extend it. If the Secretary chooses to implement a withdrawal, the withdrawal would become effective on the date the Public Land Order is published in the **Federal Register**.

Responsible Official

Mike Dombeck, Chief, USDA Forest Service, Auditors Building, 201 14th Street, SW at Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250 is the Responsible Official for making the withdrawal recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior. The Chief of the Forest Service is also responsible for any decision to amend the Forest Plans to reflect any change in management of locatable hardrock minerals. He will document his decisions and rationale in a Record of Decision.

Preliminary Issues

Two preliminary issues have been identified: Approval of the withdrawal would result in the loss of opportunity to extract minerals from the area and withdrawal would limit the economic base of rural communities along the Rocky Mountain Front.

Public Involvement, Rationale, and Public Meetings

In February, 1999, a notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 5311-5312, Feb. 3, 1999). This notice invited public comment for a period of 90 days. Comments received will be included in the documentation for the EIS. The public is encouraged to take part in the process and 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.

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Public meetings associated with the project will be held to gain a better understanding of public issues and concerns. These meetings will be held in Choteau, Montana at the

Stagestop Inn on June 22, 1999 from 3-8 p.m. and in Lincoln, Montana at the Lincoln Community Hall on June 24, 1999 from 3-7 p.m.

Information from the meetings will be used in preparation of the draft and final EIS. The scoping process will include identifying: potential issues, significant issues to be analyzed in depth, alternatives to the proposed action, and potential environmental effects of the proposal and alternatives.

Electronic Access and Filing Addresses

Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to comment/rl_lewisclark@fs.fed.us. Please reference the Rocky Mountain Front Minerals Withdrawal on the subject line. Also, include your name and mailing address with your comments so documents pertaining to this project may be mailed to you.

Estimated Dates for Filing

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by January, 2000. At the time 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 EIS publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in the management of this area participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by August, 2000. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

The Reviewers Obligation To Comment

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 alters 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.

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.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

Paul Brouha,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on June 16 and 17, 1999, at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office in Eureka, California. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 16. A field trip to the Mad River Ranger District will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 17. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located at 1330 Bay Shore Way in Eureka. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Designation of a chairperson for the Public/Private/Tribal Partnership Opportunities Subcommittee; (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO)/IAC Update (to include IAC/PAC Summit); (3) Status of FERC/Potter Valley Project; (4) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee resolution concerning herbicide use by CalTrans; (5) Implementation of the

Northwest Forest Plan on the ground in the California Coast Province; and (6) Open public comment. All California Coast Provincial 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, (530) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (530) 934-3316.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

Daniel K. Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Sergeant Major Creek Watershed in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oklahoma. U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Sergeant Major Creek Watershed, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronnie L. Clark, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 100 USDA, Suite 206, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074, (405) 742-1206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Ronnie L. Clark, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an

environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project purposes are flood control and watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include the rehabilitation of two aging floodwater retarding structures and associated land treatment for sediment control.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Ronnie L. Clark. No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 27, 1999.

Ronnie L. Clark,

State Conservationist, Oklahoma.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41