

the owner the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof * * *” (§ 1323) The responsibility and authority to grant access has been delegated from the Secretary to the Forest Supervisor. Allegheny Wood Products (AWP) has requested access consistent with the ANILCA and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) to manage the timber resources on their land between the Blackwater River and the railroad grade through Blackwater Canyon. Management activities on the private land would include timber stand improvement, commercial thinnings, and forest protection from insects, disease, and wildfire. There is no deeded access to the AWP property. The land is steep, and is bounded on the south by the Blackwater River. The only reasonable access to the AWP property is via the railroad grade through the Canyon, a portion of which AWP is a half owner. The federal government owns the other half of the grade, which is administered by the Forest Service as part of the Monongahela National Forest.

Goal XIV of the Monongahela National Forest Land and Reserve Management Plan (Forest Plan) states “Permit use of National Forest land by others, under special use or lease authorities, that is compatible with National forest goals and objectives and will contribute to the improved quality of life for local residents.”

This authorization is needed to move towards goal XIV of the Forest Plan.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service is proposing to authorize an easement for the railroad grade in Blackwater Canyon to Allegheny Wood Products for the management of their timbered property. This authorization would include the need for additional improvement of sections of the road to allow motorized vehicle use.

Responsible Official

Clyde Thompson, Forest Supervisor, Monongahela National Forest; 200 Sycamore Street; Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is how to provide access for Allegheny Wood Products to their property adjacent to National Forest System Lands. While the No Action alternative will be considered in the analysis, selection of this alternative is precluded by the requirements of the ANILCA.

Scoping Process

Scoping will be initiated by the posting of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Scoping letters will be mailed to interested parties requesting input from members of the public. Upon completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), comments will be solicited through a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** and a mailing of the DEIS to those members of the public who have responded to our scoping efforts and other interested parties.

Preliminary Issues

There are several historic properties along the railroad grade which are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Repeated use of this road by motorized equipment has the potential to damage to these historic properties. In addition, the railroad grade may be eligible for inclusion in the National Historic Register.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In November, 2002 a scoping letter was sent to members of the public regarding this project. At that point in time, it was believed that an Environmental Assessment may be appropriate. As a result of scoping and further analysis, it has been determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is more appropriate due to the presence and potential impacts to heratige resources.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 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 address these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21.)

Dated: April 14, 2005.

Clyde N. Thompson,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet Friday, May 13, 2005 at the Snoqualmie Ranger District office, 42404 SE., North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045-9545.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Election of a new RAC committee Chairperson,

(2) Review of by-laws, (3) Review of project evaluation processes, (4) Presentation of proposed projects and (5) Selection of proposed projects.

All South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises King and Pierce Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Jim Franzel, Snoqualmie District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 42404 SE., North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045, (425-888-1421 Extension 230).

Dated: April 15, 2005.

Jim Franzel,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Mt. Baker Ranger District office, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, WA, and on Friday, May 20, 2005 at the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department Conference Room, 3373 Mt. Baker Highway, Bellingham, WA. Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m.

The purpose of the first meeting will be to (1) elect a new RAC Chairperson, (2) discuss a Charter, and (3) begin review of proposed projects for 2006. The second meeting will (1) finish the review of proposed projects for 2006 and (2) conduct committee member voting on proposed projects.

All North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises Whatcom and Skagit Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the appropriate USDA official for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Jon Vanderheyden, Designated Federal Official, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284 (360-856-5700, Extension 201).

Dated: April 18, 2005.

Jon Vanderheyden,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act; Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Program updates.
2. Administrative and other issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2005.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on Minutes of the January 26, 2005, board meeting.
3. Action on the Minutes of the March 11, 2005, special meeting.
4. Secretary's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Discussion of FY 2006 budget proposal for dissolution.

7. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jonathan Claffey, Acting Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: April 19, 2005.

Curtis Anderson,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition and Deletions

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

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a product to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List services previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Effective May 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Addition

On February 4, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 5964) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

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

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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: