

them are a result of all the natural and human-caused events within the watershed. There are three main concerns related to the water and fisheries resources and the effects of the proposed action. (1) Amount of large woody debris; (2) streamflow regime; and (3) sediment sources.

- Big Game wildlife—open road densities are currently over the recommended amount for big game habitat effectiveness and security. There is concern regarding the effect of the proposed action on big game security and habitat.

Other issues commonly associated with such activities include: effects on soils, air quality, sensitive plants, and old growth. This list may be verified, expanded, or modified based on public scoping for this proposal.

#### Decisions To Be Made

The Kootenai Forest Supervisor will decide the following:

- Whether or not to harvest timber and, if so, identify the selection of, and site-specific location of, appropriate timber management practices (silvicultural prescription, logging system, fuels treatment, riparian habitat conservation areas and reforestation), road construction/reconstruction necessary to provide access and to achieve other resource objectives, and appropriate mitigation measures.

- Whether water and fish rehabilitation projects (including road obliteration) and other project area improvements (including work on trailheads, dispersed campsites, noxious weeds etc) should be implemented and, if so, to what extent.

- Whether or not wildlife enhancement projects (including white bark pine planting and prescribed burning) should be implemented and, if so, to what extent.

- Whether road access restrictions or other actions are necessary to meet big game wildlife needs.

- Whether project specific Forest Plan amendments are necessary to meet goals and objectives of the Forest Plan.

- What, if any, specific project monitoring requirements would be needed to assure mitigation measures are implemented and effective.

#### Public Involvement and Scoping

Public participation is an important part of the analysis process, commencing with the initial scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7) which will begin with the publication of this notice. 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. This input will be used in preparation of the draft and final EIS. The scoping process will include:

- Identifying potential issues.
- Identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth.
- Identify alternatives to the proposed action.
- Explore additional alternatives which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.
- Identify potential environmental effects of this project and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

#### Estimated Dates for Filing

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 60 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by March 31, 1997. At that 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 EPA 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 June 15, 1997. 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.

#### Reviewer's Obligations

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 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 and respond to them in the final EIS.

To be most helpful, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merit of the alternatives discussed. 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.

#### Responsible Official

Robert L. Schrenk, Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest, 506 US Highway 2 West, Libby, MT 59923 is the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official I will decide if the proposed project will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. I have delegated the responsibility to prepare the EIS to James I. Mershon, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District.

Dated: January 16, 1977.

Lawrence R. Cron,  
Acting Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

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#### Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on February 6, 1997, at the Red Lion Hotel, Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: future IAC meeting topics and locations; relationship with Provincial Advisory Committees; review of Adaptive Management Area plans; FY 1996 implementation monitoring results; and the status of the Riparian reserve module.

The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are

available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Donald R. Knowles,

*Designated Federal Official.*

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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 proposal(s) to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** February 24, 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 commodities and service 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 commodities and service to the Government.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service 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 service 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 commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

*Commodities*

*Office and Miscellaneous Supplies*  
(Requirements for Fort Stewart, Georgia)  
NPA: Lions Club Industries, Inc.,  
Durham, North Carolina

*Service*

Janitorial/Custodial  
Basewide  
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi  
NPA: Goodwill Industries of South  
Mississippi, Inc., Gulfport,  
Mississippi

**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 commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service 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 service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities and service have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

*Harness, Carrying*

1660-00-571-2239

*Bag, Soiled Clothes*

8465-00-122-0362

8465-00-122-0363

8465-00-122-0364

*Service*

*Janitorial/Custodial*

Federal Center  
Moses Lake, Washington  
Beverly L. Milkman,

*Executive Director.*

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**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 to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 24, 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:** On August 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 45935) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the current contractor for the coat. The contractor noted that its Government sales of the coat had been reduced by the entry of Federal Prison Industries (FPI) into the market, which caused layoffs and lower levels of plant operation. The contractor indicated that its sales of the coat make up over half its sales, and claimed that any further reduction in Government orders will cause a plant closure and jeopardize the company's ability to meet future Government surge requirements.

The Committee is only proposing to add a limited portion of the