

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Sally Collins, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Bend, Oregon 97701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Claeysens, Project Coordinator, 1645 Highway 20 East, Bend, Oregon 97701, phone 541-383-5540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service is initiating this action in response to a request by Crown Pacific to exchange lands that will provide public benefits while improving management opportunities. Consolidation will enable the Forest Service to implement more effective ecosystem-based management; better protect wetlands and riparian areas; and decrease the potential of urban development of private inholdings within NFS boundaries. Lands acquired in the exchange by the Forest Service will be managed in accord with the LRMPS.

The proposed action will exchange lands that are loosely clustered into three groups. The first, northernmost group, is located a short distance west and northwest of Bend, within the Bull Creek drainage near the Upper Deschutes River. The second and largest group is located southwest of Bend. This group is roughly U-shaped, begins west of La Pine, extends southward through Gilchrist/Crescent along the Little Deschutes River, and circles east across Highway 31, then north. The third group is largely on the Fremont National Forest in Klamath and Lake Counties and lies south of Highway 31.

An initial scoping letter was mailed on April 22, 1996. Four public involvement meetings were held between August and October 1996. These meetings were held in Bend, La Pine, Gilchrist/Crescent, and Fort Rock. Additional public meetings are contemplated. Based on analysis completed to date, it was determined that an EIS is needed. Information and data previously gathered will be carried forward in this EIS.

Issues that have been identified to date include: old growth allocations, late and old structural stands, mule deer winter range, sensitive plant species, and cultural resources.

At this time, alternatives being considered include: no action and exchanging lands as identified in the proposed action. The EIS will analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the alternatives. Past, present, and projected activities on both private and NFS lands will be considered. The EIS will disclose the analysis of site-specific mitigation.

Public participation is important. Comments from the public will continue to be used to:

- Identify, confirm or redefine potential issues.
- Identify, confirm or redefine major issues to be analyzed in depth.
- Eliminate minor issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental analysis, such as the Deschutes, Fremont and Winema LRMPS.
- Identify alternatives to the proposed action.
- Identify, confirm or redefine potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects).
- Determine potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in November 1997. 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**. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, tribes, and members of the public for their review and comment.

It is important that those interested in the management of the Deschutes, Fremont and Winema National Forests participate at that time. The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EISs 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering these issues and concerns on the proposed action,

comments on the draft EIS 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 EIS 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.)

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in February 1998. 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 the decision regarding this proposal.

Sally Collins, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest, Charles Graham, Forest Supervisor, Fremont National Forest, and Bob Castaneda, Forest Supervisor, Winema National Forest, are the responsible officials. As the responsible officials, they will document the Forest Service/Crown Pacific Land Exchange decision and the reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations at 36 CFR Part 215.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

**Sally Collins,**

*Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.*

Dated: August 22, 1997.

**Charles Graham,**

*Forest Supervisor, Fremont National Forest.*

Dated: August 26, 1997.

**Bob Castaneda,**

*Forest Supervisor, Winema National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Beaver Creek Salvage Timber Sale and Other Restoration Projects, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Union County, OR

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** On December 30, 1996, a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Beaver Creek Salvage Timber

Sale was published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 68704). This notice announces the new dates for release of draft and final EIS and the change in EIS title. The draft EIS is now expected to be completed February, 1998 and the final EIS to be published in December, 1998. The title of the EIS will be "Beaver Creek Fuels Reduction and Watershed Restoration Project." This new title more accurately reflects the purpose and need for this project and the activities being proposed to accomplish them.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Whitlock, Project Coordinator, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, Oregon 97850, phone (541) 962-8501.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

**Karyn L. Wood,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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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:** October 6, 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 July 7 and 18, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 36256 and 38518) 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.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

#### *Commodities*

Towel, Paper

8540-01-359-0798

8540-01-055-6134

#### *Services*

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, 615 S. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, 615 S. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and deletion 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 a commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** October 6, 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*

Calexico Border Patrol Station, Calexico, California

NPA: Imperial County Work Training Center, Inc. El Centro, California