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OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 8, 1998.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice Appealable Decisions for Pacific Southwest Region, California

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Pacific Southwest Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

**DATES:** Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after January 1, 1998. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until January 1999 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Danner, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Pacific Southwest Region, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, phone: (415) 705-2553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 4, 1993, 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 were published requiring publication of legal notice of decisions subject to appeal. Sections 215.5 and 217.5 require notice published in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the principal newspapers to be utilized for publishing legal notices. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

The legal notice is to identify the decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins is the day following publication of the notice.

In addition to the principal newspaper listed for each unit, some Forest Supervisors and District Rangers have listed newspapers providing additional notice of their decisions. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

#### Pacific Southwest Regional Office

Pacific Southwest Regional Forester decisions:  
*Sacramento Bee*, Sacramento, California

#### Angeles National Forest

Angeles Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles, California  
Los Angeles River District Ranger decisions:  
*Daily News*, Los Angeles, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Los Angeles River District decisions:  
*Pasadena Star News*, Pasadena, California  
*Foothill Leader*, Glendale, California  
San Gabriel River District Ranger decisions:  
*Inland Valley Bulletin*, Los Angeles, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of San Gabriel River District decisions:  
*San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, eastern San Gabriel Valley, California  
Santa Clara & Mojave Rivers District Ranger decisions:  
*Daily News*, Los Angeles, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Santa Clara & Mojave Rivers District decisions:

*Antelope Valley Press*, Palmdale, California  
*Mountaineer Progress*, Wrightwood, California

#### Cleveland National Forest

Cleveland Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*San Diego Union-Tribune*, San Diego, California  
Descanso District Ranger decisions:  
*San Diego Union-Tribune*, San Diego, California  
Palomar District Ranger decisions:  
*San Diego Union-Tribune*, San Diego, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Palomar decisions:  
*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, Riverside, California  
Trabuco District Ranger decisions:  
*Orange County Register*, Santa Ana, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Trabuco decisions:  
*Riverside Press-Enterprise*, Riverside, California

#### Eldorado National Forest

Eldorado Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Mountain Democrat*, Placerville, California  
Amador District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Democrat*, Placerville, California  
Georgetown District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Democrat*, Placerville, California  
Pacific District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Democrat*, Placerville, California  
Placerville District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Democrat*, Placerville, California

#### Inyo National Forest

Inyo Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Inyo Register*, Bishop, California  
Mammoth District Ranger decisions:  
*Inyo Register*, Bishop, California  
Mono Lake District Ranger decisions:  
*Inyo Register*, Bishop, California  
Mount Whitney District Ranger decisions:  
*Inyo Register*, Bishop, California  
White Mountain District Ranger decisions:  
*Inyo Register*, Bishop, California

#### Klamath National Forest

Klamath Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Happy Camp District Ranger decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Goosenet District Ranger decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Oak Knoll District Ranger decisions:

*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Salmon River District Ranger decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Scott River District Ranger decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California  
Ukonom District Ranger decisions:  
*Siskiyou Daily News*, Yreka, California

#### **Lake Tahoe Basin**

Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Tahoe Daily Tribune*, So. Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California

#### **Lassen National Forest**

Lassen Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Lassen County Times*, Susanville, Lassen County, California  
Almanor District Ranger decisions:  
*Chester Progressive*, Plumas County, California  
Eagle Lake District Ranger decisions:  
*Lassen County Times*, Susanville, Lassen County, California  
Hat Creek District Ranger decisions:  
*Intermountain News*, Burney, Shasta County, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Hat Creek decisions:  
*Mountain Echo*, Fall River Mills, Shasta County, California

#### **Los Padres National Forest**

Los Padres Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Santa Barbara News Press*, Santa Barbara, California  
Ojai District Ranger decisions:  
*Star Free Press*, Ventura, California  
Monterey District Ranger decisions:  
*Monterey Herald*, Monterey, California  
Mount Pinos District Ranger decisions:  
*The Bakersfield Californian*, Kern, California  
Santa Barbara District Ranger decisions:  
*Santa Barbara News Press*, Santa Barbara, California  
Santa Lucia District Ranger decisions:  
*Telegram Tribune*, San Luis Obispo, California

#### **Mendocino National Forest**

Mendocino Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Chico Enterprise-Record*, Chico, California  
Corning District Ranger decisions:  
*Chico Enterprise-Record*, Chico, California  
Covelo District Ranger decisions:  
*Ukiah Daily Journal*, Ukiah, California  
Stonyford District Ranger decisions:  
*Chico Enterprise-Record*, Chico, California  
Upper Lake District Ranger decisions:  
*Ukiah Daily Journal*, Ukiah, California

Chico Tree Improvement Center  
Director decisions:  
*Chico Enterprise-Record*, Chico, California

#### **Modoc National Forest**

Modoc Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Modoc County Record*, Alturas, Modoc County, California  
Big Valley District Ranger decisions:  
*Modoc County Record*, Alturas, Modoc County, California  
Devil's Garden District Ranger decisions:  
*Modoc County Record*, Alturas, Modoc County, California  
Doublehead District Ranger decisions:  
*Modoc County Record*, Alturas, Modoc County, California  
Newspaper providing additional notice of Doublehead decisions:  
*Herald News*, Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Warner Mountain District Ranger decisions:  
*Modoc County Record*, Alturas, Modoc County, California

#### **Plumas National Forest**

Plumas Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Feather River Bulletin*, Quincy, California  
Beckwourth District Ranger decisions:  
*Portola Reporter*, Portola, California  
Feather River District Ranger decisions:  
*Oroville Mercury Register*, Oroville, California  
Mt. Hough District Ranger decisions:  
*Feather River Bulletin*, Quincy, California

#### **San Bernardino National Forest**

San Bernardino Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*San Bernardino Sun*, San Bernardino, California  
Arrowhead District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain News*, Blue Jay, California  
Big Bear District Ranger decisions:  
*Big Bear Life and Grizzly*, Big Bear, California  
Cajon District Ranger decisions:  
*San Bernardino Sun*, San Bernardino, California  
San Geronio District Ranger decisions:  
*Yucaipa News Mirror*, Yucaipa, California  
San Jacinto District Ranger decisions:  
*Idyllwild Town Crier*, Idyllwild, California

#### **Sequoia National Forest**

Sequoia Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California  
Cannell Meadow District Ranger decisions:  
*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California  
Greenhorn District Ranger decisions:

*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California  
Hot Springs District Ranger decisions:  
*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California  
Hume Lake District Ranger decisions:  
*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California  
Tule River Ranger District decisions:  
*Porterville Recorder*, Porterville, California

#### **Shasta-Trinity National Forest**

Shasta-Trinity National Forest decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Big Bar District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Hayfork District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
McCloud District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Mount Shasta District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Shasta Lake District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Weaverville District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California  
Yolla Bolla District Ranger decisions:  
*Record Searchlight*, Redding, Shasta County, California

#### **Sierra National Forest**

Sierra Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Fresno Bee*, Fresno, California  
Kings River District Ranger decisions:  
*Fresno Bee*, Fresno, California  
Pineridge District Ranger decisions:  
*Fresno Bee*, Fresno, California  
Mariposa District Ranger decisions:  
*Fresno Bee*, Fresno, California  
Minarets District Ranger decisions:  
*Fresno Bee*, Fresno, California

#### **Six Rivers National Forest**

Six Rivers Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*Times Standard*, Eureka, California  
Gasquet District Ranger decisions:  
*Del Norte Triplicate*, Crescent City, California  
Lower Trinity District Ranger decisions:  
*The Kourier*, Willow Creek, California  
Mad River District Ranger decisions:  
*Times Standard*, Eureka, California  
Orleans District Ranger decisions:  
*The Kourier*, Willow Creek, California

#### **Stanislaus National Forest**

Stanislaus Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Union Democrat*, Sonora, California  
Calaveras District Ranger decisions:

*The Union Democrat*, Sonora, California  
 Groveland District Ranger decisions:  
*The Union Democrat*, Sonora, California  
 Mi-Wok District Ranger decisions:  
*The Union Democrat*, Sonora, California  
 Summit District Ranger decisions:  
*The Union Democrat*, Sonora, California

#### **Tahoe National Forest**

Tahoe Forest Supervisor decisions:  
*The Union*, Grass Valley-Nevada City, California  
 Downieville District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Messenger*, Downieville, California  
 Foresthill District Ranger decisions:  
*Auburn Journal*, Auburn, California  
 Nevada City District Ranger decisions:  
*The Union*, Grass Valley-Nevada City, California  
 Sierraville District Ranger decisions:  
*Mountain Messenger*, Downieville, California  
 Newspapers providing additional notice of Sierraville decisions:  
*Sierra Booster*, Loyalton, California  
*Portola Recorder*, Portola, California  
 Truckee District Ranger decisions:  
*Sierra Sun*, Truckee, Nevada County, California  
 Newspaper providing additional notice of Truckee decisions:  
*Tahoe World*, Tahoe City, Placer County, California

Dated: January 9, 1998.

**G. Lynn Sprague**,  
 Regional Forester.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Forest Service**

#### **Christy Basin Timber Sales, Willamette National Forest, Lane County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a Proposal Action to harvest and regenerate timber, thin young stands created by past regeneration harvest. The proposal also calls for the construction, reconstruction, and decommissioning of roads, restoration of degraded stream channels, and improvement of big game forage within the Christy Creek drainage of the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River watershed. The

planning area is bounded by the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River on the south, Hiya Ridge (the watershed boundary between the North Fork and the McKenzie River) on the east, Sinker Mountain and Sardine Butte on the northwest and north (the watershed boundary between the North Fork and Fall Creek) and Alpine Ridge on the west. The area is approximately 40 air miles east of the City of Eugene and 16 air miles northeast of the City of Oakridge. The Forest Service proposal will be in compliance with the 1990 Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as amended by the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan, which provides the overall guidance for management of this area. These proposals are tentatively planned for implementation in fiscal years 1999-2003.

The Willamette National Forest invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis in addition to those comments already received as a result of local public participation activities. The agency will also give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process so that interested and affected people are made aware as to how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope and implementation of the analysis should be received in writing by February 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments and suggestions concerning the management of this area to Rick Scott, District Ranger, Rigdon Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, P.O. Box 1410, Oakridge, Oregon 97463.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions about the proposed action and the scope of analysis to Kristy Miller, Planning Resource Management Assistant or Tim Bailey, Project Coordinator, Oakridge Ranger District, phone 541-782-2283.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Christy Basin Planning area is entirely within the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River watershed, which is designed as a Tier 2 Key watershed by the Northwest Forest Plan (ROD, C-7). Tier 2 Key watersheds contain important sources of high quality water. A Watershed Analysis was completed for the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River in September, 1995.

The purpose of this project is to harvest timber in a manner that implements the management objectives, and to implement various resource

restoration activities to meet Key Watershed objectives.

The proposal includes harvesting timber by thinning in nine separate timber sales over the next five years, and regeneration harvest methods in four separate timber sales over the next four years. Both thinning and regeneration timber sale proposals would involve road construction, reconstruction, and decommissioning. This analysis will evaluate a range of alternatives addressing the Forest Service proposals to harvest approximately 70.0 million board feet; approximately 43.4 million board feet would be generated from thinning some 3900 acres of young stands created by past clearcut harvest, and approximately 26.4 million board feet would be generated by regeneration harvest on approximately 550 acres. All the above proposed harvest would require a total of 8 miles of temporary road construction and 21 miles of road reconstruction.

The Christy Basin planning area comprises about 34,000 acres, all of which is federal land. Of the 34,000 acres about 18,500 acres (54%) have been previously harvested and regenerated. Of the remaining acres, approximately 5300 (15%) acres is in a mature stand condition, ranging in ages from 90 to 170 years, and 10,000 acres is in an old-growth stand condition, stand ages exceeding 200 years. The planning area contains about 600 acres (1.7%) of non-forested vegetation types and rock outcrops. Management areas that provide for programmed timber harvest are Scenic (11c) and General Forest (14a). Other land allocations in this planning area are Late-Successional Reserves, Riparian Reserves, Wild and Scenic River Corridor, and Dispersed Recreation—Semi-primitive Nonmotorized Use.

The project area includes a small portion (about 700 acres) of the Chucksney Mountain inventoried roadless area, which was considered but not selected for wilderness designation. Most of this inventoried roadless area is included within the above Dispersed Recreation—Semi-Primitive Nonmotorized Recreation Management Area.

Issues identified for this analysis are water and stream quality, habitat fragmentation, economic benefit, old-growth habitat reduction, big game habitat quality, biodiversity effects, road management, and soil compaction.

Initial scoping for this analysis began in 1990 but the project was put on hold due to a Federal Court injunction. Scoping was initiated again in March of 1996. Alternatives were developed and