

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest proposes to amend the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) to modify management direction for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA) and affirm continuation of other existing management direction. The planning process will be guided by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with implementation scheduled for January 2000.

This modified or affirmed direction will provide programmatic management direction for the next 10 to 15 years. The changes will reflect the intent of the HCNRA Act (Pub. L. 94-199), public and private land use regulations (36 CFR Part 292), Forest Service directives, changing social values, agency emphasis on ecosystem sustainability, new information and research findings, and results from the monitoring and evaluation process.

The proposed action would integrate management direction from the HCNRA within the framework of Forest Plan decisions and would establish: management goals; management objectives; standards and guidelines; management area direction; and monitoring and evaluation. Management goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines will be developed for the following resource areas: recreation; access and facilities; wild and scenic rivers; wilderness; heritage resources; scientific; vegetation; biologically unique habitat; soil; air; fire; fish habitat; wildlife habitat; heritage resources/pre-historic sites; heritage resources/historic sites; minerals; landownership; and tribal trust responsibilities.

The HCNRA consists of an estimated 652,488 acres. The HCNRA is comprised of the following management areas: wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, dispersed recreation/native vegetation, forage, dispersed recreation/timber management, research natural areas, and developed recreation and administrative facilities.

The analysis will consider a range of alternatives, including no-action.

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis, beginning with the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7). The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies and other individuals, organizations, or governments who may be interested in or affected by the proposed project. This input will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues.

2. Identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth.

3. Identifying issues which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis.

4. Exploring additional alternatives based on themes which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.

5. Identifying potential environmental effects of this project and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

7. Notifying interested publics of opportunities to participate through meetings, personal contacts, or written comment. Keeping the public informed through the media and/or written material (i.e., newsletters, correspondence, etc.).

The draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is expected to be available for public review by January 1999. 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**. The final EIS is expected to be available for public review by June 1999.

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 have been raised at the draft stage may be waived or dismissed by the court if not raised until after completion of the final EIS. *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 the proposed action participate by the close of the 30-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully be considered and responded to 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.

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 the proposal. Karyn L. Wood, Forest Supervisor, is the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, she will decide whether to implement the proposal or a different alternative. The Responsible Official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR 217).

Dated: June 18, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Third Quarter of 1998

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the third quarter of 1998.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the third calendar quarter of 1998.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning July 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Dotson, Loan Funds Control Assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Room 0227-S, Stop 1524, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1500. Telephone: 202-720-1928. FAX: 202-690-2268. E-mail: CDotson@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the third calendar quarter of 1998 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at 7 CFR 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall

bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the third Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in 7 CFR 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 1998 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under 7 CFR 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.125 percent.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the third calendar quarter of 1998.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2019 or later	5.125
2018	5.125
2017	5.125
2016	5.000
2015	5.000
2014	5.000
2013	5.000
2012	4.875
2011	4.750
2010	4.625
2009	4.625
2008	4.500
2007	4.500
2006	4.375
2005	4.375
2004	4.250
2003	4.250
2002	4.125
2001	4.000
2000	3.875
1999	3.750

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Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: On February 9, 1998, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The types of subject merchandise covered by these orders are ball bearings and parts thereof, cylindrical roller bearings and parts thereof, and spherical plain bearings and parts thereof. The reviews cover 20 manufacturers and/or exporters. The period of review is May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes, including corrections of certain inadvertent programming and clerical errors, in the margin calculations. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Reviews."

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The appropriate case analyst, for the various respondent firms listed below, of Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

France—Chip Hayes (SKF), Lisa Tomlinson (SNFA), or Richard Rimlinger.

Germany—Davina Hashmi (SKF), Hermes Pinilla (Torrington Nadellager), or Robin Gray.

Italy—Mark Ross (FAG), William Zapf (Meter), Chip Hayes (SKF), Minoo Hatten (Somecat), Robin Gray, or Richard Rimlinger.

Japan—J. David Dirstine (Koyo Seiko), Hermes Pinilla (NPBS), Thomas Schauer (NSK Ltd. and Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp.), Gregory Thompson (NTN), Robin Gray, or Richard Rimlinger.

Romania—Suzanne Flood (Tehnoimportexport, S.A.) or Robin Gray.

Singapore—Lyn Johnson (NMB/Pelmecc) or Richard Rimlinger.

Sweden—Mark Ross (SKF) or Richard Rimlinger.

United Kingdom—Suzanne Flood (Barden), Hermes Pinilla (FAG U.K.), Diane Krawczun (NSK-RHP), Lyn Johnson (SNFA U.K.), Robin Gray, or Richard Rimlinger.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 353 (April 1997).

Background

On February 9, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof (AFBs) from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (63 FR 6512). The reviews cover 20 manufacturers and/or exporters. The period of review (POR) is May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997. We invited parties to comment on our preliminary results of reviews. At the request of certain interested parties, we held public hearings for U.K.-specific issues on March 24, 1998, and for Japan-specific issues on March 25, 1998. The Department has conducted these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Reviews

The products covered by these reviews are AFBs and constitute the following types of subject merchandise: ball bearings and parts thereof (BBs), cylindrical roller bearings and parts