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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kuakan Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide timber for the Stikine Area timber sale program. The Record of Decision will disclose how the Forest Service has decided to provide harvest units, roads, and associated timber harvesting facilities. The proposed action is to harvest up to an estimated 17 million board feet (mmbf) of timber on an estimated 800 acres in one or more timber sales. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues will be developed and will include a no-action alternative. The proposed timber harvest is located within Tongass Forest Plan Value Comparison Unit 525 on Deer Island, Alaska, on the Wrangell Ranger District of the Stikine Area of the Tongass National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Wrangell Ranger District; Attn: Kuakan EIS; P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposal and EIS should be directed to Randy Hojem, Team Leader, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, telephone (907) 874-2323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation will be an integral component of the study process and will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first is

during the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies, individuals and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. The scoping process will include: (1) identification of potential issues; (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth; and, (3) elimination of insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. Written scoping comments are being solicited through a scoping package that will be sent to the project mailing list. For the Forest Service to best use the scoping input, comments should be received by August 31, 1998. Tentative issues identified for analysis in the EIS include the potential effects of the project on and the relationship of the project to: Old-growth ecosystem management and the maintenance of habitat for viable populations of wildlife and plant species, timber supply and sale economics, scenery and recreational resources, anadromous and resident fish habitat, soil and water resources, wetlands, subsistence resources, cultural resources and others.

Based on results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the project area, alternatives including a "no action" alternative will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The Draft EIS is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in October 1998. The Final EIS is anticipated by May 1999.

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 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). Environmental objections that could have been 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 them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the proposed action, comments during scoping and 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 provision of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments

may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 7 days.

Permits: Permits required for implementation include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Approval of discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
 - Approval of the construction of structure or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899;
2. Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit;
 - Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan;
3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
 - Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement;
4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Solid Waste Disposal Permit;
 - Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification)

Responsible Official: Carol J.

Jorgensen, Assistant Forest Supervisor, Stikine Area, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 309, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, is the responsible official. The responsible official will consider the comments, response, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and stating the rationale in the Record of Decision.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Carol J. Jorgensen,

Assistant Forest Supervisor.

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: August 6, 1998.

PLACE: ARRB 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting.
2. Review of Assassination Records.
3. Other Business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Eileen Sullivan, Press Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington,

DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

Laura Denk,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

[A-122-047]

Elemental Sulphur From Canada: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the review of elemental sulphur from Canada. This review covers the period December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Johnson at (202) 482-3818; Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA).

Postponement of Preliminary Results

The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue its preliminary results of the administrative review within the original time limit of September 2, 1998. (See *Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III to Robert LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration*, July 9, 1998). The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until November 1, 1998 in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: July 14, 1998.

Roland L. MacDonald,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-469-807]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Smith or Irene Darzenta, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5193 or (202) 482-6320, respectively.

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 the regulations at 19 CFR part 351, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997).

Final Determination

We determine that stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) from Spain is being sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 735 of the Act. The estimated margins are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

Case History

The preliminary determination in this investigation was issued on February 25, 1998. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain*, 63 FR 10849 (March 5, 1998) (*Notice of Preliminary Determination*). Since the preliminary determination, the following events have occurred: