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Use of Comments

All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Robert C. Joslin,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rio Sabana Day Use Picnic Area, Caribbean National Forest, Naguabo, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposed action to develop the Rio Sabana Day Use Picnic Area in the municipality of Naguabo, reconstruct 2.5 miles of the Rio Sabana Trail and trailhead, reconstruct 0.8 miles of entrance road, and construct a cable trail bridge over Rio Sabana.

The Forest Service invites comments and suggestions that are within the scope of the proposed action and analysis. In addition, the agency gives notice of the environmental analysis and decision making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Following are the dead lines established for public comments: (a) Comments to be incorporated into the draft environmental impact statement should be received by September 30th, 1998; (b) Comments to be incorporated into the final environmental impact statement should be received within 45 days following publication of the Notice of Availability of the draft environmental impact statement.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Abigail Rivera, Team Leader; Caribbean National Forest, P.O. Box 490, Palmer, Puerto Rico, 00721.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abigail Rivera, Rio Sabana Picnic Area EIS Team Leader, 787 888-5643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Caribbean National Forest is proposing:

(a) To develop a day use picnic area located in the vicinity of the Rio Sabana Bridge, on the southern end of Highway #191, at Km. 21.1, in the Cubuy Sector of the Municipality of Naguabo; (b) the rehabilitation of 2.5 miles of the Rio Sabana Trail #6 and trailhead; (c) repair and reconstruction of 0.8 miles of entrance road, on Hwy. #191, Km. 22.3, to project site, Km. 21.1; (d) and construction of a cable bridge over the Rio Sabana. Currently, the area has not been developed for recreation but receives heavy use. This use, coupled with a sensitive ecosystem in which it is located, gives rise to a potential conflict between the need to protect and conserve natural resources and the need to provide a well managed natural setting where our customers can enjoy a satisfying recreational experience.

Access to the proposed site is via Hwy #191, at Km. 22.3. On April 13, 1992, U.S. District Judge Guierbolini permanently enjoined and restrained the U.S. Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration from proceeding with construction activities on the closed portion of Highway P.R. #191, from Km. 13.5 to Km. 20, until completion of an environmental impact statement. The proposed project is located on a segment of Hwy. #191 that is outside of the area under court order.

The proposed action would meet the objectives of: (a) Correcting the current managerial situation and social settings in relation to the physical setting and actual use; (b) protect the natural resources in the vicinity; (c) increase Forest Service presence on the southern end of the Forest, which currently is minimal.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The U.S. Forest Service will be the lead agency and the Puerto Rico Department of Public Transportation (DTOP) will be a cooperating agency.

Public participation will be especially important at several points during analysis. The first point is when scoping officially begins (40 CFR 1501.7). 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. Comments must be received by *September 30, 1998*. This input will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). The scoping process will include: (1) Identifying potential issues; (2) Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth; (3) Eliminating insignificant

issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental process; (4) Exploring additional alternatives; (5) Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions). Public participation will include notifying interested and affected publics of the proposed action in person and/or by mail. News releases will be used to provide general notice to the public.

The following preliminary issues have been identified through internal scoping: (1) Possible effects of development of picnic area and reconstruction of Rd. #191 on the threatened and endangered species identified in the project area; (2) Possible effects on natural resources due to an increase in visitors to picnic area and trail; (3) Reconstruction of the historic CCC Rio Sabana Trail, which connects with the Tradewinds/El Toro Trail, may generate greater use than is allowed in the proposed Wilderness Management Area; (4) Security issues in the area in relation to 24-hour presence of Forest Service hosts of volunteers; (5) Potential hazards to Forest users caused by a nearby water impoundment and transmission facility, located on private land.

A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available for public review, for 45 days, in October 1998.

It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate at that time. Upon release of the draft environmental impact statement, projected for *October 1998*, reviewers should 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.C. 519, (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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). It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of 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 provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

After the comment period on the draft environmental impact statement ends, the comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by February 1999. The Responsible Official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the final environmental impact statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale for the decision in a Record of Decision. The decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 215.

The Responsible Official is: Pablo Cruz, Forest Supervisor, Caribbean National Forest, P.O. Box 490, Palmer, Puerto Rico, 00721.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

Pablo Cruz,

Forest Supervisor.

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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 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 commodities and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

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 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:

Call Center Services

Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS), Battle Creek Customer Support Center (CSC), Federal Center, 74 North Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan

NPA: Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc., Lansing, Michigan

Janitorial/Custodial

Austin Memorial AFRC/AMSA #1, Austin, Texas,

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, Inc., Austin, Texas.

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:

Commodities

Cover, Bed 7210-01-116-7856

7210-01-120-0679

7210-01-120-8019

7210-01-116-7855

7210-01-120-8018

7210-01-120-8009

7210-01-120-8017

7210-01-120-8014

7210-01-120-8016

7210-01-116-7853

7210-01-124-8303

7210-01-118-4085

7210-01-120-8022

7210-01-120-8021

7210-01-122-5015

7210-01-123-5149

7210-01-125-9250

7210-01-120-8015

7210-01-120-8012

7210-01-120-8011

7210-01-116-7859

7210-01-123-5148

7210-01-116-7858

7210-01-116-7860

7210-01-120-8020

7210-01-116-7857

7210-01-116-7854

7210-01-120-8013

7210-01-124-7626

7210-01-120-8010

Service

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1816 East Main Street, Albemarle, North Carolina.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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