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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Whitehawk Timber Sale, Boise National Forest, Valley County, ID

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of a proposed timber sale in the Whitehawk subwatershed of the Deadwood drainage.

The Lowman Ranger District of the Boise National Forest proposes to harvest approximately 5,000 acres in the Whitehawk subwatershed, Township 11 North, Ranges 7 and 8 East, Boise Meridian. Timber harvest would include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, sanitation and salvage. Several temporary roads are proposed for construction to access stands which can be harvested using ground-based systems. A number of currently closed roads would be opened and/or reconstructed to facilitate ground-based and helicopter yarding. No timber harvest would occur within INFISH defined Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas, within the Deadwood Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA), or within the segment of the Deadwood River designated as eligible for Wild designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in the Forest Plan. Treatment harvest is proposed in portions of the Whitehawk IRA. The proposed action is designed to maintain water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunity spectrum in the project area within Forest Plan standards.

**DATES:** Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received by November 30, 1998 to ensure timely

consideration. No scoping meetings are planned at this time.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Jackie Andrew, Project Coordinator, Lowman Ranger District, 7359 Highway 21, Lowman, ID 83637.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Jackie Andrew at 208-259-3361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal may result in the reduction in the number of acres in the Whitehawk IRA from the National Forest System. Proposals that may substantially alter the undeveloped character of an IRA require the preparation of an EIS. At this time, the Forest Service regards development of IRA's as an issue to be addressed in the EIS. An alternative which does not develop the Whitehawk IRA will be developed during the analysis process.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues related to the proposal and the area being analyzed.

Information received will be used in preparation of the draft EIS and final EIS. For the most effective use, comments should be submitted to the Forest Service within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The Responsible Official is David D. Rittenhouse, Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest. The decision to be made is whether to harvest National Forest System timber and reduce natural and activity fuels through prescribed fire. The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review in February 1999, with a final EIS estimated to be completed in May 1999. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. 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 EIS's 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 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 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 chapter of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the draft EIS. 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. 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 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. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only 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 10 days.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

**David D. Rittenhouse,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on November 12-13, 1998, in Weaverville, California. On Thursday, November 12, the PAC will meet at the Weaverville Ranger Station, 210 Main Street Highway 299, for a field trip leaving the Ranger Station at 11 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. On Friday, November 13, the meeting will be held at the Trinity County Board of Supervisor's Conference Room in the Trinity County Library, 211 N. Main Street, starting at 8 a.m. and adjourning at 2:45 p.m. Agenda items for Friday include: (1) Review of Thursday's Field Trip; (2) Fiscal Year 1998 Implementation Monitoring Report; (3) PAC Realignment Discussion; (4) Subcommittee Reports; and (5) a Public Comment Period. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 530-841-4468.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

**Nancy J. Gibson,**

*Administrative Officer.*

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## APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

### Special Meeting of the Commission To Hear the Status of the Siting of a Regional Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility and Consider Closing the Commission's Administrative Office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**AGENCY:** Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of special meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold a special meeting to hear the status of a lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to stop the siting of a regional low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal facility, hear a report from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the status of suspending the siting process, review and reconsider budgets for 1998-99 and 1999-2000, consider amending the Commission's bylaws relating to a vacancy in the executive director position and when the annual meeting must be held, consider the disposition of the Commission's remaining funds, consider forming a siting restart committee, appointment of a representative to the Low-Level Waste Forum, consider performing a closeout audit of the Commission, consider retaining Pepper Hamilton LLP as Counsel to the Commission, and consider renewing the investment agreement with the Pennsylvania Office of the Treasurer.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Most of the meeting will be open to the public. An executive session closed to the public will be held from about 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc S. Tenan, Executive Director, at 717-234-6295.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

**Marc S. Tenan,**

*Executive Director.*

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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 deletion from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** November 30, 1998.

**ADDRESS:** 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 the commodities and service 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 commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

3. 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 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 commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

### Commodities

*Dispenser, Glue Tape and Refill Cartridge*

8040-01-441-0169—Dispenser,

Adhesive Tape, Temporary

8040-01-441-0173—Replacement

Cartridge, Temporary

8040-01-441-0175—Dispenser,

Adhesive Tape, Permanent