

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Service will determine if the lands to be exchanged are desirable in the public interest and suitable for inclusion in the National Forest System. Land exchanges are discretionary, voluntary real estate transactions between the federal and non-federal parties. The exchange can only be completed after the authorized officer determines that the exchange meets the requirements at 36 CFR 254.3(b): (1) The resource values and the public objectives served by the non-federal lands and interests to be acquired are equal to or exceed the resource values and public objectives served by the federal lands to be disposed, and (2) the intended use of the disposed federal lands will not substantially conflict with established management objective on adjacent federal lands, including Indian Trust Lands.

Lands will be exchanged on a value for value basis, based on current fair market value appraisals. The appraisal is prepared in accordance with the Uniform Appraisal Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition. The appraisal prepared for the land exchange is reviewed by a qualified review appraiser to ensure that it is fair and complies with the appropriate standards. Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, all exchanges must be equal in value. Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 254.3 require that exchanges must be of equal value or equalized pursuant to 36 CFR 254.12 by cash payment after making all reasonable efforts to equalize values by adding or deleting lands. If lands proposed for exchange are not equal in value, either party may make them equal by cash payment not to exceed 25 percent of the federal land value.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary scoping indicates that there may be issues associated with public access, protected species, old-growth habitat, floodplain areas, structures and facilities, private lands within Congressionally designated areas, and Tribal interests. The proposed exchange may require amendments to the National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans for the Malheur, the Umatilla, and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

Scoping Process

The Forest Service encourages full participation in the proposed land exchange, beginning with the scoping

process. Scoping will include notice in the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests' Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions; distribution of letters to individuals, organizations, and agencies who have already indicated interest in land exchanges; communication with tribal interests; and publication of news releases in the Blue Mountain Eagle, the Eastern Oregonian, and the Baker City Herald, the newspapers of record, respectively, for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. The news release will also be distributed to other local newspapers that serve areas affected by this proposal. Public meetings in the form of open houses will be scheduled, and notice of times and locations will be provided at a later date. The scoping process will include identifying key issues, exploring additional alternatives, and identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and the alternatives.

Comment Requested

The Forest Service is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, tribes, state and local agencies, and other federal agencies that may be interested in or affected by the proposed land exchange. All comments received in response to this notice, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection. The comments will be used in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.

The draft environmental impact statement is scheduled for distribution to the public in June 2003. The comment period on the draft statement will be 45 days. Comments on the draft statement should be as specific as possible. It is helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft 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 45-day comment period ends, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled for completing by October 2003. In the final statement, the Forest Service will respond to all substantive

comments received during the public comment period.

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 the 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 Corporation versus Natural Resources Defense Council*, 435 US 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage, but that are not raised until completion of the final environmental impact statement, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon versus Hodel*, 803 F 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Incorporated versus Harris*, 490 F Supp 1334, 1338 (ED Wis, 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period, so substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can be meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

Dated: July 25, 2002

Roger W. Williams,
Malheur National Forest.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Jeff D. Blackwood,
Forest Supervisor, Umatilla National Forest.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Provincial Advisory Committee (OPAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Province Advisory Committee (OPAC) will meet on August 16, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Quinault Indian Nation's Department of Natural Resource Conference Room in Taholah, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3 p.m. Agenda topics are: (1) Current status of key Forest issues; (2) Status

update on the Resource Advisory Committees for Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; (3) Regional and local tribal relations; (4) Open forum; and (5) Public comments.

All Olympic Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: July 23 2002.

Kathy O'Halloran,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on August 19, 2002, and then again on August 26, 2002 in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meetings is to review the fiscal year 2002 project proposals in order to make recommendations to the designated federal official.

DATES: The meetings will be held August 19, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and August 26, 2002 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Harris, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California, 96097, (530) 841-4485; E-mail bdharris@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On June 7, 2002, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (67 FR 39337) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. 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 service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Medical Transcription, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Greenville, Illinois.

NPA: The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Contract Activity: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Greenville, Illinois.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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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 is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: September 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (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 additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and 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: