

thence, in a general westerly direction along Old Blue Creek Road for an approximate distance of 1,000 feet;

thence, in a general northwest direction for approximately 5,000 feet until the intersection of Tom Bell road;

thence, in a northeasterly direction along Tom Bell road until the intersection of Chambers road;

thence, in a northerly direction along Chambers road until the intersection of Georgia Highway #75;

thence in a northerly direction along Georgia Highway #75 until the intersection of Yonah Mountain Road.

Containing 1,300 acres, more or less.

Executed in Washington, DC, this 25th day of June, 2002.

David P. Tenny,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Dixie National Forest, Utah, Griffin Springs Resource Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement to the Griffin Springs Resource Management Project.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Griffin Springs Resource Management Project (GSRMP) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The GSRMP FEIS evaluated alternatives for vegetation management and associated road improvements within the Engelmann spruce/subalpine fir and aspen forest types on the Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by October 21, 2002. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected November 2002 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected January 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Kevin R. Schulkoski, District Ranger, P.O. Box 246, Escalante, Utah 84726.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David M. Keefe, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Escalante Ranger District (see above **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 16, 1998 a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Aquarius Ecosystem

Restoration Project (AERP) was published in the **Federal Register**. On July 26, 1999 a revised Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement was published in the **Federal Register**. This revision advised the public that the AERP was being divided into smaller division blocks. The GSRMP is the first of these blocks to be analyzed and decided upon.

On August 3, 2001 the Notice of Availability of the draft environmental impact statement for GSRMP was published in the **Federal Register**. In January 2002 the FEIS for the GSRMP was published. On January 10, 2002 Mary Wagner, Dixie National Forest Supervisor, signed the Record of Decision for the Griffin Springs Resource Management Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. Several organizations, including the Sierra Glen Canyon Group, Ecology Center, Center for Biological Diversity, Utah Environmental Congress, Boulder Regional Group, Western Watersheds Project, Escalante Wilderness Project, Aquarius Foundation and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, appealed Forest Supervisor Mary Wagner's decision.

On April 28, 2002 Acting Deputy Regional Forester, Elizabeth G. Close (Appeal Deciding Officer) for the Intermountain Region concluded a thorough review of the appeals and issued a decision on the above mentioned appeals. Forest Supervisor Mary Wagner's decision to implement the Griffin Springs Resource Management Project was affirmed with direction. This direction included two points; (1) Although the record contains adequate information to conclude that Northern (or Common) Flicker populations are viable, the summary and explanation of this information in the FEIS must be clarified to confirm this; and (2) The ROD mentions possible future entries in seven years, but the analysis does not clearly document effects from these possible entries in some stands. If new entries, not analyzed with this project, are undertaken in those stands, the Forest must first complete an environmental analysis.

On August 28, 2002 the Appeal Deciding Officer (ADO) for the GSRMP stated that the Forest response fulfilled the direction in the ADO's letter of April 18, 2002. The ADO also responded that the project may not be implemented until the Forest considered the new information contained in the report, "Life History and Analysis of Endangered, Threatened, Candidate, Sensitive and Management Indicator Species of the Dixie National Forest."

On September 4, 2002 Randall G. Swick, Acting Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest, directed the GSRMP

Interdisciplinary Team to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that considers this new information relative to the GSRMP.

The Record of Decision for the SEIS will be appealable under 36 CFR 215.7 and should only address those items pertinent to the new information contained in the "Life History and Analysis of Endangered, Threatened, Candidate, Sensitive and Management Indicator Species of the Dixie National Forest" report.

Comments Requested

Based on the new information the USDA Forest Service is now reconsidering the effects of implementing the various alternative on Management Indicator Species (MIS) located in the project area. Accordingly, the USDA Forest Service invites public comment on the scope of the SEIS that would evaluate potential changes in the agencies plans as related to the effects to MIS populations.

Responsible Official

Randall G. Swick, Acting Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest, 1789 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84720.

Dated: September 9, 2002.

Randall G. Swick,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Burlington, Vermont, October 17-19, 2002. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 17-19, 2002. A tour of local projects will be held on October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Road, Burlington, Vermont. Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National

Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 20628 Diane Drive, Sonora, California 95370. Individuals also may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (209) 536-9089.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne M. del Villar, Urban and Community Forestry Staff, (209) 536-9201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided.

Robin L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the purpose of evaluating and recommending resource management projects for funding in 2003, under the provisions of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 12 and 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the large conference room of the Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, 2819 Dahlia Street, in Klamath Falls. Send written comments to Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee, c/o USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 67, Paisley OR 97636, or electronically to waney@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

W.C. (Bill) Aney, Designated Federal Official, Paisley Ranger District, Fremont and Winema National Forests, PO Box 67, Paisley OR 97636 telephone (541) 943-4401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 12 and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Friday September 13. The agenda will include a review of 2002 projects recommended

by the RAC, consideration of Title II project proposals for 2003 submitted by the Forest Service, the public, and other agencies, presentations by project proponents, and final recommendations for funding of fiscal year 2003 projects.

All Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. There will be a time for public input and comment. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Dated: September 3, 2002.

Charles R. Graham,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants and its accompanying Handbooks.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 15, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gale Richardson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing, Rural Housing Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 0783, Washington, DC 20250-0783, telephone number (202)720-1459.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0172.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), through its direct single family housing loan and grant programs, provides financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe and sanitary housing to eligible individuals in rural areas. To assist a customer, they must provide the Agency with a

standard housing application (used by government and private lenders), and provide documentation to support the same. Documentation includes verification of income, financial information on assets and liabilities, etc. The information requested is comparable to that required by any private mortgage lender. To assist individuals in obtaining affordable housing, a borrower's house payment may be subsidized to an interest rate as low as 1%. The amount of subsidy is based upon the customer's household income. After receipt of this information, if the customer obtains a loan from RHS, they must update income information on an annual basis to renew the payment subsidy. The aforementioned information required by RHS is vital to be able to process applications for RHS assistance and make prudent loan underwriting and program decisions. It includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities and monthly expenses. Without this information, the Agency is unable to determine if a customer would qualify for any services or if assistance has been granted to which the customer would not be eligible under current regulations and statutes. The Agency also encourages its customers to leverage our mortgage financing with that of other lenders to assist as many customers as possible within our limited resources. In many cases, another lender will leverage and participate with RHS in assisting the customer. In these cases, RHS and the other lender share documentation, with the customer's consent, to reduce duplication. Through our work with participating lenders, the Agency keeps abreast of information required by other lenders to ensure that RHS is not requiring unnecessary information. The Agency continually strives to ensure that information collection burden is kept to a minimum.

As mentioned, these loans are made directly by the Agency. RHS also services these loans for their term (33 or 38 years) and provides tools to assist the customer in becoming a successful homeowner. As discussed, payment subsidies are renewed on an annual basis. In addition, the Agency provides credit counseling and other services to its customers in an effort to assist them in becoming successful. The Agency offers many servicing tools including a moratorium (stop) on payments, modifications to payment subsidies to reflect changes in the customer's income, loan reamortization, payment workouts, etc. To obtain this assistance, the Agency must require certain