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Done at Washington, DC on June 3, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonner County, Idaho and Pend Oreille County, Washington; Chips Ahoy Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service published a Notice of Intent to prepare and environmental impact statement for the Chips Ahoy Project in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2002 (Vol. 67, No. 235, pages 72635-72637). A revised Notice of Intent is being issued due to two major changes (Forest Service Handbook 1909.15 part 21.2):

1. There will be a delay of more than six months in filing the final EIS;
2. There has been a change in the project's proposed action and purpose and need.

The Priest Lake Ranger District on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to treat forest vegetation over approximately 2,000 acres. The treatments are being proposed to restore forest communities to a more historical composition and structure and to re-introduce fire into these ecosystems. Treatments will

include regeneration harvest, thinning, and underburning. A Roads Analysis Process will be completed as a part of the Environmental Impact Statement. The Roads Analysis may suggest changes in the administrative and recreation use of roads and trails in the analysis area to protect forest and watershed resources.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the project analysis must be received within 30 days from the date of this notice in the **Federal Register** and during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement comment period of 45 days. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected in September 2003 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected February 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Chips Ahoy Project, Attn: David DelSordo, Priest Lake Ranger Station, 32203 Highway 57, Priest River, ID 83856.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David DelSordo, Project Leader, Priest Lake Ranger Station, 32203 Highway 57, Priest River, ID 83856, by calling 208-443-6809, or [ddelsordo@fs.fed.us](mailto:ddelsordo@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project area is located within Bonner County, Idaho, and Pend Oreille County, Washington. The project area is located approximately twenty miles north of the community of Priest River, Idaho. A past bark beetle outbreak, in combination with root diseases, other insects and diseases, and winter storm damage has left many of these stands in poor condition and with hazardous fuel loads. This Notice Of Intent reflects changes in the Purpose of the Action based on comments received over the last six months.

#### **Purpose for Action**

The purpose for this action is to improve the health, resilience, diversity, and productivity of terrestrial ecosystems by advancing species composition, forest structures, and patterns toward desired conditions; reduce fire risk in these ecosystems; and increase the amount of wet forest communities that are dominated by western white pine and western larch trees. Another purpose for the project is to help restore aquatic resources to a more healthy condition.

#### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action is separated into three categories, vegetative treatments, fuel treatments, and road treatments. The proposal is to treat forest vegetation over approximately 2,000 acres within the project area. Different types of

treatments would be used depending upon the existing condition of the forest stands. These treatments include regeneration treatments on approximately half of the acreage and commercial thinning on the remaining acreage. After the tree cutting operations are complete, most of the vegetative treatment areas would be underburned to reduce the fuels, prepare the sites for reforestation, and to allow wildland fire to resume a more natural role. In order to access some of the proposed vegetative treatment areas, approximately 3.5 miles of temporary road would be constructed. These temporary roads would be recontoured following their use. Resource protection measures will be included to protect snags, soils, heritage resources, water quality, wildlife, and other resources. The arrangement and management of classified and unclassified roads and trails in the area may be changed to improve watershed quality, protect other resources, and enhance recreation opportunities. Approximately 8 miles of road are planned to be decommissioned. Construction of an alternate snowmobile use route is proposed to mitigate for planned road decommissioning.

#### **Responsible Official**

Ranotta K. McNair, Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, 3815 Schreiber Way, Ceour d'Alene, ID 83815

#### **Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The Forest Supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests will decide whether or not to implement this project, and if so, in what manner.

#### **Scoping Process**

The agency invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. In addition to this notice, a revised proposed action letter will be sent to interested government officials, agencies, groups, and individuals on the Chips Ahoy mailing list. Please contact the Priest Lake Ranger Station at 208-443-2512 if you are interested in being added to this mailing list. No public meetings are planned at this time.

#### **Comment Requested**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Specific written comments on the proposed action will be most helpful.

#### **Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review**

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for

comment. 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, 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 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). 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). 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 on the proposed action, comments on the Final 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 Final Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternative 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.

Comments received, including the names and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, section 21.)

Dated: June 2, 2003.

**Ranotta K. McNair,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Second Creek Watershed, Adams County, MS

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for Second Creek Watershed, Adams County, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 1321, A.H. McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39269, Telephone 601-965-5205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federal assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

#### Second Creek Watershed, Adams County, Mississippi

##### *Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact*

The project concerns a watershed plan to provide supplemental flood protection and reduce threat to loss of life from sudden dam failure to the residents of the Second Creek Watershed and others. The planned works of improvement consists of rehabilitating floodwater retarding structure (FWRS) No. 10B and No. 12. The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various

Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Homer L. Wilkes. No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: May 15, 2003.

**Homer L. Wilkes,**

*State Conservationist.*

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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 products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 6, 2003.

**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 September 13, December 27, 2002, January 31, and April 4, 2003, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (67 FR 58013, 79044, 68 FR 4985 and 16467) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-