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You may request a copy of the environmental assessment (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) by writing to Dr. Larry R. Ludemann, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB-LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010, or by calling (515) 232-5785. Please refer to the docket number, date and complete title of this notice when requesting copies.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Albert P. Morgan, Chief Staff Officer, Operational Support Section, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; phone (301) 734-8245; fax (301) 734-4314. For information regarding the environmental assessment or the risk analysis, contact Dr. Larry R. Ludemann, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB-LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 232-5785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy prelicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. Prior to conducting a field test on an unlicensed product, an applicant must obtain approval from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as well as obtain APHIS' authorization to ship the product for field testing.

To determine whether to authorize shipment and grant approval for the field testing of the unlicensed product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effects of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analysis, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) concerning the field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester: Fort Dodge Animal Health, Inc.

Product: West Nile Virus Vaccine, DNA Vaccine, Code 1995.D0.

Field Test Locations: California, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

The above-mentioned product is an *Esherichia coli* plasmid containing the prM and E genes of the West Nile virus. The vaccine is for use in horses as an aid in the prevention of viremia associated with West Nile virus infection.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provision of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial issues with adverse environmental impacts are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) based on the EA and authorize shipment of the above product for the initiation of field tests following the close of the comment period for this notice.

Because the issues raised by field testing and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA that is generated for field testing would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field test data support the conclusions of the original EA and the issuance of a FONSI, APHIS does not intend to issue a separate EA and FONSI to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151-159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of January, 2003.

Bobby R. Acord,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Record of Decision on the Woodpecker Project Area Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; record of decision.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, has prepared the record of decision for the Woodpecker Project Area. The project area is located within the Petersburg Ranger District, on Mitkof Island, about 27 miles south of Petersburg, Alaska. Thomas Puchlerz, Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest, has selected a modification of Alternative 6 from the final Environmental Impact Statement (final EIS, August 2001). This decision includes: (a) Harvest of approximately 5.4 million board feet of timber from approximately 400 acres, (b) parking turnouts, (c) improvement of dispersed recreation use areas, (d) closure of approximately ten miles of existing road for watershed improvement, and (e) adjustment of three small old-growth habitat reserves. Approximately 2.5 miles of temporary road will be constructed to access the timber. No new classified road designed for long-term use will be constructed. An existing log transfer facility will be used.

DATES: The legal notice of this decision was published in the *Juneau Empire*, the newspaper of record, published in Juneau, Alaska, on January 23, 2003. This began the 45-day appeal period, which will close on Monday, March 10, 2003. This decision may be implemented no sooner than 5 business days after close of the appeal period, if no appeal is received. If an appeal is received, this decision may be implemented no sooner than 15 days following disposition of the appeal.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the record of decision of final EIS may be directed to: Cynthia Sever, Petersburg Ranger District, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, Phone (907) 772-3871; fax (907) 772-5995; or e-mail csever@fs.fed.us. The Responsible Official is Thomas Puchlerz, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, 648 Mission Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901. The Regional Forester is the Appeal Deciding Officer. Written notices of appeal must be addressed to: Regional Forester, Alaska Region, USDA, Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information

concerning the final EIS or the record of decision may be directed to Patricia Grantham, District Ranger, or Cynthia Sever, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Petersburg Ranger District, 907-772-3871. Copies of the record of decision have been mailed directly to those people who requested to be on the project mailing list. Additional copies may be obtained from the Petersburg Ranger District or reviewed at public libraries throughout southeast Alaska. The record of decision is also posted on the Tongass National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The August 13, 2001 record of decision for the Woodpecker Project Area was reversed on appeal because of some data discrepancies in the final EIS. A supplemental information report was prepared to determine whether these discrepancies influenced the effects analysis. This review concluded that only minor changes to information in the final EIS were necessary, and that the analysis presented in the final EIS was valid. The modifications to Alternative 6 for this record of decision were made to comply with the injunction issued on April 26, 2002, by the U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, in *Sierra Club v. Rey* (J00-0009 CV (JKS)). The Selected Alternative includes timber harvest and road construction only within roaded areas, as defined by the court. This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR part 215. The legal notice of this decision was published in the *Juneau Empire*, the newspaper of record, published in Juneau, Alaska, on January 23, 2003. The 45-day appeal filing period will close on Monday, March 10, 2003. A written notice of appeal that includes sufficient evidence of why this decision should be changed and requirements of 36 CFR part 215 must be postmarked by this date and filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer: Regional Forester, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628.

Responsible Official: Thomas Puchlerz, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, is the responsible official.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1505.2 and 1506.6; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, section 28)

Dated: January 21, 2003.

Thomas Puchlerz,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lolo National Forest's Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on February 4 and March 4 at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Superior, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: February 4, 2003, and March 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mineral County Courthouse, 300 River Street, Superior, MT 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Harper, Designated Forest Official (DFO), District Ranger, Superior District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 822-4233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for these meeting include the presentation of new project proposals and selection of proposals. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspaper, including the Mineral Independent and the Missoulian.

Dated: January 21, 2003.

Deborah L. R. Austin,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Intent to Write an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Williamson River Delta Restoration Project

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to write an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Williamson River Delta Restoration Project and requesting public comment. A public meeting will be held at the Chiloquin High School Library on January 28, 2003, at 7 p.m. (see Web site below for more information).

SUMMARY: The NRCS is seeking public comment for the next phase of the stream restoration project on the Williamson River Delta. The full notice of intent can be found at the following website: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 45-day period beginning January 29, 2003, through March 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Kevin Conroy, Basin Team Leader, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 2316 South 6th St., Suite C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, 541-882-9044 (FAX).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Conroy, 541-883-6924.

Dated: January 22, 2003.

Bob Graham,

State Conservationist, Portland, OR.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice for Requests for Proposals for Guaranteed Loans Under the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2003; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is correcting a notice published December 27, 2002 (67 FR 79038-79042). This action is taken to add a priority criteria for the selection of projects requesting interest credit assistance and increase the threshold score for the interest credit award.

Accordingly, the notice published December 27, 2002 (67 FR 79038-79042), is corrected as follows:

On page 79039 in the second column, fifth full paragraph, revise the number "55" to read "65".

On page 79041 in the first column, second paragraph, revise the word "six" to read "seven".

On page 79041 in the third column after the second full paragraph, add the following:

"Priority 7—RHS will award points for interest rates charged above the applicable federal rate at the time of loan closing as follows:

Interest rate	Points
More than 250 basis points	-20
200 to 250 basis points, inclusive ..	5
100 to 199 basis points, inclusive ..	10
0 to 99 basis points, inclusive	15
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