

Forest Service Roads are proposed to remain open and be maintained.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this notice should be received within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Deputy Forest Supervisor Jeanne Higgins, c/o Lois Pfeffer, 145 East 2nd Street, Powell, WY 82453.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Lois Pfeffer, Forester, TEAMS Planning, phone (550) 359-7023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS will tier to the 2004 FEIS for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest Plan provides the overall guidance (Goals, Objectives, Standards, and Management Area Direction) to achieve the Desired Future Condition for the area being analyzed, and contains specific management area prescriptions for the entire Forest.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as individuals and organizations that 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 most effective use, comments should be submitted to the Forest Service within 45 days from the date of publication of this in the **Federal Register**.

The Eagle River-Florence Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Forest and Vilas Counties in the state of Wisconsin would administer the proposed management activities for this analysis. Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process. Two specific time periods are identified for the receipt of formal comments on the analysis. The two comment periods are: (1) During the scoping process, the next 45 days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and (2) during the formal review period of the Draft EIS.

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 it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage 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 reviewers' position and intentions.

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 Circuit, 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 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 draft 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 draft environmental impact 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, 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

It is projected the final release of the EIS to be November 30, 2006. The Forest Supervisor or Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are the responsible officials for the EIS. After considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies a decision by this official will be made regarding the proposal. The reasons for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision. The Forest Supervisor's office of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is located at 1170 4th Avenue South, Park Falls, WI 54552, phone: 715-762-2461.

Dated: March 16, 2006.

Jeanne M. Higgins,

Deputy Forest Supervisor, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The New Mexico Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting is to provide recommendations to the Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region, on which forest restoration grant proposals submitted in response to the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Request for Proposals best meet the objectives of the Community Forest Restoration Act (Title VI, Pub. L. 106-393).

DATES: The meeting will be held April 24-28, 2006, beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 24 and ending at approximately 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 5050 Jefferson St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109; 505-944-2222. Written comments should be sent to Walter Dunn, at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Comments may also be sent to via e-mail to wdunn@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to Walter Dunn at (505) 842-3265.

All comments, including names and addressed when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, or during the Panel meeting at the Holiday Inn, 5050 Jefferson St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109; 505-944-2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Dunn, Designated Federal Official, at (505) 842-3425, or Melissa Zaksek, at (505) 842-3289, Cooperative and International Forestry Staff, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf

(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 3 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Panel discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Panel members. However, project proponents may respond to questions of clarification from Panel members or Forest Service staff. Persons who wish to bring Collaborative Forest Restoration Program grant proposal review matters to the attention of the Panel may file written statements with the Panel staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who submitted written statements prior to the public input sessions will have the opportunity to address the Panel at those sessions.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

Abel M. Camarena,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on April 4, 2006 in Crescent City, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of Title II projects under Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 6, 2006 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Del Norte County Unified School District Board Room, 301 West Washington, Crescent City, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Ranieri, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501. Phone: (707) 441-3673. E-mail: jranieri@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RAC will discuss the process for requesting proposals for Fiscal Year 2007 projects. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the

opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: March 16, 2006.

Jean M. Hawthorne,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Web site Update, (5) Project Proposal/Possible Action, (6) General Discussion (7) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 27, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Janet Flanagan, Acting DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbie Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95939. (530) 934-1268; E-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 24, 2006 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: March 16, 2006.

Linda Angerer,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Environmental Compliance Questionnaire for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Federal Financial Assistance Applicants.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 3,000.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 3 hours.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is needed to ensure that all projects supported by NOAA through grants or other financial assistance awards comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6. The National Environmental Policy Act and CEQ implementing regulations require that an environmental analysis be completed for all major federal actions significantly affecting the environment. In order to determine NEPA compliance requirements for a project being funded by NOAA, NOAA must assess information which can only be provided by the federal financial assistance applicant.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; State, Local or Tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this