

environmental impact statement is expected November 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Liz Van Genderen, Helena National Forest, 2880 Skyway Dr., Helena, MT 59602. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-northern-Helena@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406-449-5436.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz Van Genderen at 406-449-5201.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

Wide-scale tree mortality has occurred due to the mountain pine beetle. This mortality causes changes to fire behavior in the event of a wildfire. Treatment is needed to ensure diverse and sustainable forest stands and to lessen the probability of a catastrophic wildfire which could threaten wildland urban interface areas. The project focuses on reducing hazardous fuels, establishing healthy regeneration, and recovering the economic value of dead trees. In addition, aspen and whitebark pine can be promoted with treatment. The project also seeks to maintain or improve watershed values.

Proposed Action

Approximately 6,335 acres are proposed for treatment. Roughly 2,000 acres are young stands that established after past harvest and are in need of thinning to ensure they reach viable maturity. The remaining acres are primarily mature stands of lodgepole pine with some Douglas-fir, Engelmann spruce, and subalpine fir with high mountain pine beetle mortality. These acres would be treated using a combination of improvement cuts, regeneration harvests, thinning, and prescribed fire. Post treatment activities

would include approximately 3,800 acres of underburning, site prep, broadcast burning, jackpot burning, and hand piling/burning. In addition, trees that are hazardous to public and historic structures would be removed. Up to 7 miles of new road construction and approximately 5 miles of road reconstruction would be necessary to implement the proposed action.

Responsible Official

Helena National Forest Supervisor.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decisions to be made include: whether to implement the proposed action or an alternative to the proposed action, what monitoring requirements would be appropriate to evaluate the implementation of this project, and whether a forest plan amendment would be necessary as a result of the decision for this project.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In November 2009, a scoping package will be mailed, an open house will be scheduled, and website information will be posted.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: November 5, 2009.

Kevin T. Riordan,

Forest Supervisor.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Senior Executive Service: Membership of Performance Review Board

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists approved candidates who will comprise a standing roster for service on the Agency's SES Performance Review Board. The Agency will use this roster to select SES board members, and an outside member for the convening SES

Performance Review Board each year. The standing roster is as follows:

Mauricio Vera, Chairperson;
Angelique Crumbly, Alternate;
Franklin Moore;
Susan Pascocello;
James Peters, Alternate;
Randy Streufert;
John Robinson, Outside SES Member.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Jackson, 202-712-1781.

Dated: November 5, 2009.

Helena Olivares,

Acting Chief, Civil Service Personnel Division.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will convene on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn on or about 11 a.m. at the Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles St., Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to plan a briefing for fiscal year 2010.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by January 2, 2010. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 North Los Angeles St., Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments or who desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Western Regional Office, at (213) 894-3437 or 800-877-8339 for individuals who are deaf, hearing impaired, and/or have speech disabilities or by e-mail to pminarik@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the

Western Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, November 4, 2009.

Peter Minarik,

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs
Coordination Unit.*

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: On October 29, 2009 (74 FR 55809-55810) the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced a business meeting to be held on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the Commission's headquarters. On Wednesday, November 4, 2009, the meeting was cancelled. The decision to cancel the meeting was too close in time to the day of the meeting for the publication of a cancellation notice to appear in advance of the scheduled meeting date. The details of the cancelled meeting are:

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 6, 2009; 9:30 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: 624 9th St., NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Program Planning.

- Approval of Concept Papers for FY 2010 Briefing Report Topics.
- Amendments to Title IX Briefing Report.
- Update on Status of 2010 Enforcement Report.

III. Approval of Minutes of October 30 Meeting.

IV. Announcements.

V. Staff Director's Report.

VI. Adjourn.

The Commission's next scheduled meeting is Friday, November 20, 2009, the details of which to be published in this same issue of the **Federal Register**.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days

prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Dated: November 9, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 20, 2009; 9:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: 624 9th St., NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Program Planning.

- Approval of MEPA Briefing Report.
- Update on Status of 2010 Enforcement Report.
- National Conference Update.
- Approval of Concept Papers for FY 2010 Briefing Topics.
- Amendments to Title IX Briefing Report.
- Update on Status of Title IX Project.

III. Management & Operations.

- Motion Regarding Special Assistant GS Level.
- Motion to Permit Commissioners' Special Assistants to Join Commissioners' Line for Telephonic Meetings.

IV. State Advisory Committee Issues.

- Iowa SAC.
- Massachusetts SAC.

V. Approval of September 24, October 8, October 15 and October 30 Meeting Minutes.

VI. Staff Director's Report.

VII. Adjourn.

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Dated: November 9, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0445.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 878.

Average Hours per Response: VMS installation, 6 hours (once every three years); maintenance, 4 hours per year; VMS activation checklist, 12 minutes (once every three years).

Burden Hours: 3,721.

Needs and Uses: Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, directs a satellite-based vessel monitoring program to locate fishing vessels and monitor compliance with area restrictions in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea, and Aleutian Islands. The Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) allows the NMFS Office for Law Enforcement to monitor and survey vessels over vast expanses of open-water while maintaining the confidentiality of fishing positions. The VMS is required under certain conditions in the following fisheries: Atka Mackerel, Pollock, Pacific Cod, BSAI Crab, essential fish habitat (EFH) and habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC) in the Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska. The VMS unit is passive and automatic, requiring no reporting effort of the vessel operator.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

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 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed