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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intermountain Region, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Idaho; Lost Creek-Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lost Creek-Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project. The Lost Creek-Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project area is located approximately 10 miles north and west of New Meadows, Idaho in in Boulder Creek, a tributary to the Little Salmon, and in the headwaters of the Weiser River and the West Fork of the Weiser River. It comprises approximately 80,000 acres and is within the boundaries of the New Meadows District of the Payette National Forest, in Adams County Idaho. The project is designed to improve wildlife habitat, reduce forest fuels, and improve watershed conditions through a variety of activities including commercial and noncommercial vegetation management and road system modifications and maintenance.

DATES: Comments concerning the project must be received by March 27, 2013. The draft environmental statement is expected in July 2013 and the final Environmental Impact Statement is expected in November 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Keith Lannom, Forest Supervisor, 800 W. Lakeside Avenue, McCall, Idaho 83638. Comments may also be sent via email to *comments-intermtn-payette-*

newmeadows@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 208-634-0744.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Meyers, Project Team Leader, 208-347-0344. 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

The purpose of the project is to: (1) Improve habitat for specific wildlife species of concern such as the ESA-listed northern Idaho ground squirrel and white-headed woodpecker; (2) maintain and promote large tree forest structure, early seral species composition and forest resiliency; (3) reduce the risk of uncharacteristic and undesirable wildland fire; (4) restore habitat connectivity, especially in streams occupied by ESA-listed fishes and in designated critical habitat; (5) reduce road-related accelerated sediment and other road related impacts; (6) restore riparian vegetation and floodplain function; (7) better manage recreation use in the vicinity of Lost Valley Reservoir and Boulder Creek, and (8) contribute to the economic vitality of communities adjacent to the Payette National Forest.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action includes vegetative treatments to improve wildlife habitat for the Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel and species that rely on habitat similar to the white-headed woodpecker, and to move vegetation toward the desired conditions specified in the Payette National Forest Plan. The project would harvest an estimated 20 million board feet (MMBF) of timber (all figures are approximations and may change as the project is refined). Commercial vegetative treatments would include commercial thin-free thin (13,700 acres); free thin-patch cut (1,700 acres); and commercial thin-mature plantations (8,400 acres). Non-commercial vegetative treatments include: Non-commercial thinning (16,000 acres); and prescribed burning (45,000 acres).

The proposal includes changes to the Forest System Road network to reduce road-related impacts to water quality and fish habitat, as well as reduce

overall road density. Specific road actions include: 70 miles of system road decommissioning; 60 miles of roads moved to long term closure status (all currently closed to the public); 12 miles of seasonally open road converted to ATV trails; restoration of 90 miles of unauthorized roads; and relocation of 1 ½ half miles of road scheduled for decommissioning. The project includes 40 opportunities for replacement of culverts and other aquatic organism passages. No new roads will be built under this proposal.

Recreation actions will occur in the Lost Valley reservoir area and in the Boulder Creek subwatershed. Work includes rerouting trails, installing trail signs, installing toilets, improving and constructing trailhead parking, installing information kiosks, and graveling campsites and campground access roads. In addition to the open roads converted to ATV trails, twenty new miles of ATV routes will be designated and signed.

A range of reasonable alternatives will be considered. The no-action alternative will serve as a baseline for comparison of alternatives. The proposed action will be considered along with additional alternatives developed that meet the purpose and need and address major issues identified during scoping. Alternatives may have different amounts, locations, and types of project activities.

Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor of the Payette National Forest is the Responsible Official.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the purpose and need for the proposed action, the Responsible Official will determine whether to proceed with the action, as proposed, as modified by another alternative or not at all. If an action alternative is selected, the Responsible Official will determine what design features, mitigation measures and monitoring to require.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues for this project include effects on water quality, soil productivity, wildlife habitat, recreation, access management, and fish habitat.

Addresses

Additional project information is available on the Payette National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=33830>.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. 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.

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

Dated: February 13, 2013.

Keith Lannom,

Forest Supervisor.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Meetings

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) plans to hold its regular committee and Board meetings in Washington, DC, Monday through Wednesday, March 11-13, 2013 at the times and location listed below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, March 11, 2013

10:30-3:30 p.m.—Ad Hoc Rulemaking Committees: Closed to Public
3:30-4:00—Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Design in Education

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

9:30 a.m.-11:00—Ad Hoc Committee on Frontier Issues
11:00-Noon—Presentation on Accessibility of Mobile Devices
1:30-2:00 p.m.—Budget Committee
2:00-2:45—Planning and Evaluation Committee

3:00-4:00—Technical Programs Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

9:30 a.m.-10:30—Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Vehicles: Closed to Public

10:30-Noon—Presentation on Accessible Transportation Research

1:30-3:00 p.m.—Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held at the Access Board Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW., suite 800, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact David Capozzi, Executive Director, (202) 272-0010 (voice); (202) 272-0054 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting scheduled on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Administer Oath of Office to new appointee
- Approval of the draft January 9, 2013 meeting minutes (vote)
- Budget Committee Report
- Technical Programs Committee Report
- Planning and Evaluation Committee Report
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports: Emergency Transportable Housing and Information and Communications Technology (votes)
- Election Assistance Commission Report
- Prescription Drug Labeling Working Group Report
- ADA and ABA Guidelines; Federal Agency Update
- Election of Officers (votes)
- Executive Director's Report
- Public Comment, Open Topics

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system, computer assisted real-time transcription (CART), and sign language interpreters will be available at the Board meeting and committee meetings. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants (see www.access-board.gov/about/policies/fragrance.htm for more information).

David M. Capozzi,

Executive Director.

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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: Groundfish Tagging Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0276.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 380.

Average Hours per Response:

Spaghetti tags returns, 5 minutes;
archival tag returns, 20 minutes.

Burden Hours: 78.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The groundfish tagging program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery off Alaska and the Northwest Pacific. The program area includes the Pacific Ocean off Alaska (the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, and the Alexander Archipelago of Southeast Alaska), California, Oregon, and Washington. Fish movement information from recovered tags is used in population dynamics models for stock assessment. There are two general categories of tags. Simple plastic tags (spaghetti tags) are external tags approximately two inches long printed with code numbers. When a tag is returned the tag number is correlated with databases of released, tagged fish to determine the net movement and growth rate of the tagged fish. Archival tags are microchips with sensors encased in plastic cylinders that record the depth, temperature or other data, which can be downloaded electronically from the recovered tags. The groundfish tagging and tag recovery program is part of the fishery resource assessment and data collection that the National Marine Fisheries Service conducts under the Magnuson-Stevens Act authority as codified in 16 U.S.C. 1801(a)(8).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.