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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Governmental Processes

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Committee on Governmental Processes of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

DATES: Wednesday, April 12, 1995, at 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Office of the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 500, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC (Library, 5th Floor).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Deborah S. Laufer, Office of the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, 2120 L Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 254-7020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee on Governmental Processes will meet to continue discussion of when federal government lawyers and other government employees may participate in voluntary public service activities. There are possible restrictions in conflict of interest statutes, and both government-wide and agency-specific regulations governing employee participation in outside activities, ethics laws, and the use of government property.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Central Prince of Wales Project, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Area, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Tongass National Forest—Ketchikan Area proposes to review and analyze information on “falldown” and to calculate its effect, if any, on “sustainable” timber harvest in the Central Prince of Wales project area covered in the previous environmental impact statement and record of decision issued August 6, 1993. The proposed action is to provide approximately 290 million board feet of timber in support of the Ketchikan Pulp Company Long-Term Timber Sale Contract, Contract Number A10fs-1042.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Supervisor, Tongass NF—Ketchikan Area, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed analysis and supplemental environmental impact statement should be directed to Pete Griffin, Tongass NF—Ketchikan Area, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK 99901, phone: (907) 225-3101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the project is to provide approximately 290 million board feet of timber in support of the Ketchikan Pulp Company Long-Term Timber Sale Contract, Contract Number A10fs-1042. The purpose of the supplement is to evaluate information available to the Forest Service with regard to falldown. The effects of falldown as related to sustainable harvest levels will also be analyzed. Factors related to falldown include economic, biological, and physical.

Alternatives to be analyzed will include those alternatives as described in the CPOW FEIS including the no action alternative.

The following issues have been identified:

1. Falldown.
2. Sustainability.

Scoping was completed for the CPOW project in 1992. Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)) do not require scoping for a supplement. Additional public scoping meetings are not planned. Public comment during the analysis is welcome and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft supplement when issued.

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in May 1995. The comment period on the draft supplemental 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 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 supplemental 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.