

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 60, No. 93

Monday, May 15, 1995

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region: Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma Amendment of National Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region to Include Guidelines for Management of Habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl and Northern Goshawk

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service published a revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in the *Federal Register* (Vol. 60, No. 53, pages 14719-14720) on March 20, 1995. This revised notice was issued to change a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement that appeared in the *Federal Register* (Vol. 57, No. 122, pages 28171-28172) on June 24, 1992. Several factors affecting the management of the Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk now make it necessary to further revise the notice of intent.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, is the responsible official for decisions that affect Southwestern Region Forest Land and Resource Management Plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Ecosystems Management Planning, Southwestern Regional Office, (505) 842-3210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original environmental impact statement (EIS) process was initiated to amend Southwestern Region Forest Plans to include guidelines for management of the Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk. This process did not include the Kaibab National Forest. A draft environmental impact statement

for this process was circulated in December, 1994.

Concurrent to this process, a separate timber analysis and forest plan amendment process was being conducted for the Kaibab National Forest. A notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this process was filed in the *Federal Register* (Vol. 56, No. 37, pages 7659-7660) on February 25, 1991. A draft environmental impact statement was circulated for comment in July, 1994.

Public comments received from both environmental impact statement processes requested that the two separate procedures be combined. The revised notice of intent published on March 20, 1995, stated the intent of combining both environmental impact statements into a single process. This most recent revised notice of intent does not affect the decision to combine the two previous EIS efforts. Comments received from review of both draft environmental impact statements will be considered.

The notice of intent published on March 20, 1995, also gave notice that a new draft environmental impact statement would be issued in January, 1996, with a final environmental impact statement released in fall of 1996. Several factors have caused the Regional Forester to reconsider this time schedule. The U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USDI-FWS) intends to finalize the Recovery Plan for the Mexican Spotted Owl in fall of 1995. The accelerated Forest Service planning schedule will facilitate better coordination with the USDI-FWS on Mexican spotted owl management.

The Regional Forester has decided that more permanent management direction for northern goshawks should be in place as soon as possible. Recent Federal Court rulings have necessitated changes in forest planning and endangered species consultation processes with respect to the proposed amendment of Southwestern Region Land and Resource Management Plans. Present management guidelines for northern goshawk management shall continue in effect until permanent direction in forest plans is finalized.

This notice serves to document the intent of the Regional Forester to issue a final environmental impact statement in September, 1995. The Record of

Decision will be delayed until October, 1995, to allow a minimum of 30 days for the public to review and comment on the final environmental impact statement and to coordinate the Regional Forester decision with the final Mexican Spotted Owl Recovery Plan.

In the short period of time between now and the Regional Forester decision of October, 1995, the Regional Forester has directed continued protection of the Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk in all project level ground disturbing activities. The Regional Forester intends for consultation with USDI-FWS to continue for all management activities that may affect the Mexican spotted owl.

Dated: May 9, 1995.

John R. Kirkpatrick,

Deputy Regional Forester, Southwestern Region.

[FR Doc. 95-11883 Filed 5-12-95; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 950426115-5115-01]

2000 Census Public Law 94-171 Program

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of program.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Public Law 94-171 (Title 13, United States Code, Section 141 (c)), the Director of the Census Bureau is required to provide the "officers or public bodies with initial responsibility for legislative apportionment or districting of each state . . ." with the opportunity to specify the small geographic areas (for example, election precincts, voting districts, wards) for which they wish to receive decennial census population totals for the purpose of reapportionment or redistricting.

By April 1 of the year following the decennial census, the Director is required to furnish these state officials or their designees with population totals for standard census areas (for example, counties, cities, census tracts, and blocks) and for state-specified voting districts (for example, election precincts, wards) that meet Census Bureau technical criteria as established