

prescribed fire would be used throughout the wilderness. Reservation and permit fees (if legal) would be collected.

Maximum Wilderness Preservation. The wilderness would be managed for very primitive to pristine conditions. Stock and human use levels would be reduced. Dogs, shooting, and campfires would be prohibited. Signing, streamflow maintenance dams, some campsites, and many trails would be removed. Fish stocking would cease. Reservation and permit fees (if legal) would be collected.

John Phipps, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest, and Robert E. Harris, Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, are the responsible officials.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by August 1995. At that time the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date EPA's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that reviewers participate at that time. To be the most helpful, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3). In addition, Federal court decisions have established that reviewers of draft EIS's 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 contentions, *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978), and that environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final EIS. *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objectives are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

After the comment period ends on the draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by January 1996. The Forest Service is required to respond in the final EIS to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4).

The responsible officials will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible officials will document the decision and rationale in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

Robert E. Harris,
Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin
Management Unit.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

John Phipps,
Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest.
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Inland Native Fish Strategy; Environmental Assessment for Public Review

ACTION: Notice of publication of the Inland Native Fish Strategy Environmental Assessment for public review.

SUMMARY: In the March 14, 1995, **Federal Register** (Vol. 60, No. 49, pp. 13697-13698), notice was given that the Forest Service, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service, is gathering information in order to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposal to protect habitat and populations of native inland fish.

This EA will address National Forest System lands on the Bitterroot, Boise, Caribou, Challis, Clearwater, Colville, Deerlodge, Deschutes, Flathead, Fremont, Helena, Humboldt, Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, Lolo, Malheur, Ochoco, Payette, Sawtooth, Wallowa-Whitman, and Winema National Forests in the Northern, Intermountain, and Pacific Northwest Regions.

The public scoping period began March 14 and ended April 26, 1995. As of May 1, approximately 235 letters have been received from the public. Many people commented that they should have an opportunity to review the alternatives and effects analysis that will be documented in the Environmental Assessment. The agency agrees that the public should have this opportunity. The Environmental Assessment will be completed on or about May 31, and will be sent to the public for a 30-day review and comment period. These comments will be considered in reaching a decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the environmental assessment should be directed to David

Wright, Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, 3815 Schrieber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814. Phone: (208) 765-7223.

The responsible officials for this Environmental Assessment are the Regional Foresters for the Intermountain, Northern, and Pacific Northwest Regions. They will make a decision regarding this proposal considering the comments and responses, environmental consequences discussed in the Environmental Assessment, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in a Decision Notice. The Decision Notice is expected to be available in late July, 1995.

Dated: May 16, 1995.

David J. Wright,
Inland Native Fish Team Leader, USDA,
Forest Service.
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Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, June 15, 1995, at the Salem District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Followup on procedural issues, (2) Information on watershed analysis and schedule for FY 95-97, (3) Key issues, concerns, and opportunities of Federal Agencies for implementing the Northwest Forest Plan, (4) Identifying Advisory Committee tasks, (5) Open public forum. All Willamette PIEC meetings are open to the public, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Written comments concerning the Advisory Committee's affairs can be submitted at the meeting. Oral comment can also be made during the public forum. Length of oral comments will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Neal Forrester, Designated Federal Official, Willamette National Forest, 211 East Seventh Avenue, Eugene, Oregon; 503-465-6924.