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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland; Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Larimer, Park, and Weld Counties, Colorado

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice; intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Supervisor of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and the Pawnee National Grassland gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement on the revision of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

The original Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this Forest Plan Revision was published July 10, 1990. Due to the delay in publishing a Draft EIS, this Notice serves to revise the Notice of July 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Sargent, Forest Planner, (970) 498–1201, 240 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Forest Plan shall ordinarily be revised on a 10-year cycle or at least every 15 years. A plan may also be revised whenever the Forest Supervisor determines that conditions or demands in the area covered by the plan have changed significantly. The current Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan was approved on May 4, 1984. The Forest is scheduled to complete its revision of the Forest Plan and FEIS in Fall, 1996.

Through evaluation of the Forest Plan, documented in the ''Five Year Evaluation: Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report'' (1990) and further refined in 1993 in the ''Analysis of the Management Situation,'' the Forest Supervisor of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and the Pawnee National Grassland has determined that the following topics should be the primary focus of the Forest Plan Revision:

1. Biological diversity including old growth;
2. National Forest-residential intermix areas;
3. Oil and gas leasing;
4. Recreation-related items such as recreation settings, scenic resources and wild and scenic rivers;
5. Roadless areas and additions to the Wilderness Preservation System;
6. Timber management, including suitable lands, allowable sale quantity, silvicultural practices;
7. Travel management; and
8. Water yield and management.

Public involvement in the Plan Revision process has been extensive since the original Notice of Intent was published, utilizing a variety of scoping techniques. These included mailings to individuals and organizations known to be interested in the Plan Revision, newspaper articles, newsletters, public meetings, and open houses. After release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, more open houses will be held and will be announced in local news media and in newsletters.

Revision of the Forest Plan began in 1990; the draft environmental impact statement and Proposed Revised Forest Plan should be available for public review in November, 1995. The final environmental impact statement, Record of Decision, and Revised Forest Plan are scheduled to be completed by Fall, 1996.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be a minimum of 90 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 F2d 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 final 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. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The official responsible for approving the revised Forest Plan is the Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service, 11177 West 8th Avenue, P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225. The Forest Supervisor, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, is delegated responsibility for preparing the revision.

Dated: August 29, 1995.

William P. Lisowsky,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis; Los Padres National Forest, Los Angeles, Kern, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, California; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are conducting an analysis to identify lands within Los Padres National Forest that should or should not be made available for oil and gas leasing. The analysis will be documented in an environmental impact statement (EIS). The Forest Service is the Federal lead agency. The Bureau of Land Management is participating in the analysis as a cooperating agency.

The purpose of the EIS is to implement the authority and responsibility granted to the FS by the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 (P.L. 100–203) and to meet the regulatory requirements of 36 CFR 228 Subpart E. This Act gives the FS authority to approve or disapprove the leasing of National Forest System lands for development of oil and gas resources. The Act also authorizes the FS to identify appropriate stipulations to be applied to a lease to protect the surface resources. The BLM issues the leases and administers operations connected with the extraction of the mineral resources. The FS approves all surface disturbing activities and administers all surface operations.

The FS and BLM, Federal agencies with separate responsibilities for administration of oil and gas leasing on lands within Los Padres National Forest, propose the following specific actions:

(1) The Forest Supervisor will decide, within Los Padres National Forest, which National Forest System (NFS) lands and non-Federal lands with Federal mineral ownership (split-estate lands) are administratively available for oil and gas leasing and under what conditions. A significant part of the leasing decision is to determine stipulations to become part of any lands offered for lease. There are numerous possible varieties and combinations of these lease stipulations but each can be placed into one of the following categories: no lease; no surface occupancy; timing limitations; controlled surface use; and, lease with standard BLM lease terms.

(2) The Forest Supervisor will decide which specific NFS lands the BLM is authorized to offer for lease, subject to the FS ensuring that correct stipulations will be attached to leases issued by the BLM.

(3) The FS proposes to amend Los Padres National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to incorporate the leasing decision in place of guidelines for oil and gas leasing contained in the Forest Plan.

(4) The BLM conducts public offerings to lease the specific lands authorized by the Forest Service.

The decisions made as a result of this analysis will not result in on-the-ground activities. Ground disturbing projects such as exploration, drilling or field development would require further environmental analysis and separate site specific decisions prior to approval.

Since the Forest Plan was completed prior to the passage of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987, the current Forest Plan did not determine the availability of NFS lands for oil and gas leasing. The Plan directs that later analyses and decisions to lease, or not lease, specific lands would be documented in an EIS.

The area involved in this leasing analysis includes all Federal lands within the boundary of Los Padres National Forest except for lands which have been legislatively withdrawn from mineral entry—wilderness, the Santa Ynez municipal watershed and the Big Sur coastal zone. The study area encompasses approximately 743,000 acres or 42 percent of the total area within the Forest boundary.

Possible oil and gas exploration and development that could result from leasing Federal lands within Los Padres National Forest could affect the lands and resources of the Forest in several ways. The FS and BLM have identified the following as tentative issues and resources to be addressed during the analysis process: wildlife and wildlife habitat; threatened, endangered and sensitive animals and plants; soils and water; riparian, wetlands and floodplains; and, visual and recreation resources. In addition, the possible effects of leasing on opportunities to explore for and develop oil and gas resources within the analysis area and possible effects on local communities and socioeconomic values will be analyzed.

The range of alternatives for this analysis is being developed. The following alternatives are proposed at this time. This list will be changed/supplemented as needed as a result of scoping.

(1) No leasing.

(2) Current Forest Plan direction.

(3) Emphasize biodiversity and watershed protection.

(4) Emphasize visual and recreational resources.

(5) Balanced resources emphasis.

(6) Emphasize oil and gas development.

Federal, State and local agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the decision will be invited to participate in the scoping process. Scoping will include mailings, media announcements, and public meetings. The scoping process will identify potential issues, identify those issues to be analyzed in depth, and eliminate insignificant issues. Scoping will also determine the extent of the analysis necessary for an informed decision including identification of alternatives.

The FS will hold public meetings at the following locations:

Frazier Park, CA—Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995, 10:00 A.M., Chuchupate Ranger Station, Lockwood Valley Road.

King City, CA—Monday, Oct. 2, 1995, 7:30 P.M., Orradre Building, Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, 625 Division Street.

Arroyo Grande, CA—Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1995, 7:30 P.M., South County Regional Center, 800 West Branch Street.

Goleta, CA—Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995, 7:30 P.M., Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue.

Ventura, CA—Thursday, Oct. 5, 1995, 7:30 P.M., De Anza Middle School, 2060 Cameron.

David W. Dahl, Forest Supervisor, Los Padres National Forest, Goleta, California, is the responsible official.

Written comments and suggestions concerning the analysis should be sent to Los Padres National Forest, Att'n: Oil & Gas EIS, 6144 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117, by October 20, 1995.

The environmental analysis is expected to take about 18 months to complete. The draft environmental impact statement should be available for public review in August, 1996. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by April, 1997.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register.**

The FS 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 60-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningful consider them and respond to them in the final 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. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Questions about the proposed action and environmental impact statement should be directed to Al Hess, Oil and Gas EIS Project Leader, Los Padres National Forest, phone (805) 681–2794.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

David W. Dahl,

Forest Supervisor.

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Taneum/Peaches Road Access, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent.

SUMMARY: On May 19, 1994, a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Taneum/Peaches road access project was published in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 26201). This notice listed the date of the availability of the draft EIS as January 31, 1995, with the final EIS scheduled to be completed by May 1, 1995. The revised date of availability of the draft EIS is December 1995 and the final EIS is May 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this revision should be directed to Douglas Campbell, Lands Specialist, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second, Cle Elum, Washington 98922; phone (509) 674–4411.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

Sonny J. O'Neal,

Forest Supervisor.

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Delegation of Authority to Forest Supervisors, Intermountain Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service hereby gives notice of the delegation of authority by the Regional Forester to Forest Supervisors to perform certain transactions related to the granting and terminating of easements on National Forest System lands under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, and the National Forest Roads and Trails Act of October 13, 1964.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Karstaedt, Special Uses Officer, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, (801) 625–5150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 36 CFR 251.52 and the delegation of authority from the Chief of the Forest Service set forth in Forest Service Manual section 2732.04c and section 2733.04b, the Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region has delegated the authority to all Intermountain Region Forest Supervisors to 1) issue easements under authority of the Forest Road and Trail Act (FRTA) of October 12, 1964 (Pub. L. 88–657, 78 Stat. 1089, as amended) and to terminate such easements with the consent of the grantee, and 2) issue easements and reservations under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (Pub. L. 94–579, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended) and to terminate such easements with the consent of the grantee or on the occurrence of a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time when the easement, by its terms, provides for such termination.

This delegation has been issued as a Regional Supplement to Forest Service Manual Chapter 2730, Road and Trail Rights-of-Way Grants, and Chapter 2704, Responsibility.

Jack A. Blackwell,

Deputy Regional Forester, Resources, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with August anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a) and 355.22(a) (1994), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with August anniversary dates.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with sections 19 CFR 353.22(c) and 355.22(c), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. The Department is not initiating an administrative review of any exporters and/or producers who were not named in a review request because such exporters and/or producers were not specified as required under section 353.22(a) (19 CFR 353.22(a)). We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than August 31, 1996.