

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 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 those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so 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 Forest Supervisors of the Beaverhead and Deerlodge National Forests are the responsible officials who will make the decision. They will decide on this proposal after considering comments and responses, environmental consequences discussed in the Final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: September 18, 1995.

Deborah L.R. Austin,

Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead National Forest and Acting Forest Supervisor, Deerlodge National Forest.

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Environmental Impact Statement for the Illinois Creek Timber Sale, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison County, CO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to supplement a final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Illinois Creek Timber Sale located on the Gunnison National Forest, Cebolla/Taylor River Ranger District.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope and issues of the analysis should be received by October 6, 1995; Publication of Supplement to Final EIS: November, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to James Dawson, District Ranger, Cebolla/Taylor River Ranger District, 216 North Colorado, Gunnison, CO 81230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Haines, Forester, Cebolla/Taylor River Ranger District, 216 North Colorado, Gunnison, CO 81230, (303) 641-0471.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is proposing to prepare a supplement to the Final environmental impact statement for the Illinois Creek Timber Sale. The biological assessment and evaluation will be revised to meet current standards and issues raised during appeal of the Final environmental impact statement will be reviewed. A new decision will be made on whether to proceed with the project.

The original Notice of Intent for this project was published in the Federal Register Vol. 57, No. 76, Monday April 20, 1992, Pages 14383-14384. A Record of Decision and Final environmental impact statement were approved June 9, 1995. This decision was appealed and the decision voluntarily withdrawn on September 8, 1995. The deficiencies identified in the appeal will be corrected in the Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The comment period on the final environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes, at this early state, 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 have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after

completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 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 (October 6, 1995) 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 supplement to the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the final environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the final 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 responsible official for this supplement to the final environmental impact statement is Robert L. Storch, Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, 2250 Highway 50, Delta, Colorado 81416.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

Robert L. Storch,

Forest Supervisor.

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Deschutes Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on October 12 & 13 1995 at the BLM office in Prineville, Oregon. October 12 will be a field trip to view selected riparian areas on BLM and Forest Service land. October 13 will be a regular business meeting. Start time is 9:00 a.m. both days. Agenda items include: (1) Properly functioning conditions in riparian areas of the Province; (2) New range responsibilities for the Advisory Committee; (3) An update on the salvage program on Province forests; and (4) Open public forum. All Deschutes Province Advisory