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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Formulation of the Communications Strategy for the Revision of the Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

SUMMARY: The Cibola National Forest requests comment on the formulation of a communications strategy that will describe how the public and government entities may participate that will describe how the public and government entities may participate in the prerevision review and revision of the Cibola National Forest Plan on an ongoing basis. This is an invitation to the public and representatives of government entities to express their ideas and suggestions on ways that the Cibola National Forest can coordinate and disseminate information throughout the entire forest planning process.

DATES: This notice is effective the December 11, 1995. Comments must be submitted in writing on or before February 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to: Jeanine A. Derby, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Carter, Public Affairs Officer, Cibola National Forest at 505-761-4650.

BACKGROUND: The Land and Resource Management Plan defines the long-term direction for managing the Cibola National Forest and the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grasslands. The Forest Plan will take an ecological approach to achieve multiple-use management of the National Forest and National Grasslands. It means that we must blend the needs of people and environmental values in such a way that the National Forest and Grasslands represent diverse,

healthy, productive, and sustainable ecosystems. The present Cibola National Forest Plan was approved in 1985 and has been amended six times since then. Revision of a forest plan should occur about every 10 years, but no later than 15 years, from the date of approval of the original plan or the latest plan revision. Briefly stated, the following steps are taken during a forest plan revision:

(1) Prerevision review of the forest plan. The entire forest plan is reviewed to identify changed conditions and/or other new information which appear to indicate a need to change direction in the current plan.

(2) Communications Strategy. The Forest Supervisor shall formulate a communications strategy that describes how the public and government entities may participate in the prerevision and revision of the forest plan on an ongoing basis.

(3) Scoping. Upon completion of the prerevision review, the Regional Forester shall initiate the forest plan revision process by publishing a Notice of Intent to revise the forest plan and to prepare the draft environmental impact statement.

(4) Based on analysis and public comments, a draft environmental impact statement is completed.

(5) Based on analysis and public comments, a final environmental impact statement is completed with a revised forest plan.

(6) Following public comments a revised forest plan is approved.

The Communications Strategy is the tool used to guide the public participation process. The intent of the document is to list activities designed to foster ongoing participation by the public and government representatives during the entire planning process.

We are seeking comments as to which ways are most useful in order to receive and disseminate information concerning the planning process. Examples that are presently used include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Conduct public meetings, with adequate public notice to all interested persons, for the purpose of soliciting comments.

(2) Initiate meeting and invite the public and specific interested parties for the purpose of explaining agency proposals.

(3) Participate in one-on-one meetings to obtain individual views.

(4) Produce news releases through television, radio, newspapers.

(5) Write individual or group letters.

A copy of the draft Communications Strategy is available at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, 505-761-4650.

Dated: December 5, 1995.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 1995. The purpose of the meeting is to provide orientation to new members, brief Committee members on Commission activities, discuss the current project, and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Betty L. Mills, 701-223-4643, or John F. Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303-866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission. Dated at Washington, DC, .

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