

Wilderness (7,852 acres), the Sierra Ancha Wilderness (20,850 acres) and the Salt River Canyon Wilderness (9,777 acres). The Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest is 13,371 acres in size. It occurs on the A Cross and Sierra Ancha allotments. Currently, the Tonto National Forest's Land Management Plan has listed livestock use in the Experimental Forest as Level A; No Grazing. On June 29, 1994, a wildfire was started by a lightning strike near Armer Mountain. This fire burned portions of the Armer Mountain and A Cross allotments. A total of 5,760 acres was burned. Depending on the recovery of the vegetation on each of the allotments, some priorities may need to be shifted in the future. The Fish and Wildlife Service's Amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report on Plan 6, Central Arizona, Regulatory Storage Division was prepared as a mitigation plan designed to mitigate impacts on fish and wildlife resources associated with construction and operation of Plan 6. In this report it states, "In order to control access to the lake by livestock and reduce impacts to native vegetation associated with uncontrolled grazing, funding should be provided to accelerate the implementation of new and revised Allotment Management Plans for 11 allotments around Roosevelt Lake.

* * * This funding should be utilized for the construction of range management fencing and water development which should provide for management designed to meet vegetative objectives and provide appropriate use by livestock so that established objectives could be met." The Armer Mountain, A Cross, Poison Springs, and Sierra Ancha Allotments were listed as part of those 11 allotments. An environmental assessment was prepared in December, 1995 for the Eastern Roosevelt Lake Watershed Analysis Area. Based on that assessment, it was determined that additional analyses for this project were required, and that an environmental impact statement would be prepared.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the EPA and to be available for public review by July, 1996. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for review and comment. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the Federal Register. The comment period on the EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability. It is very important that those interested in this proposed action

participate at that time. To be 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 a draft EIS 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. versus NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final EIS. *City of Angoon versus Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. versus Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure 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 EIS.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by October, 1996. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments received during the comment period. The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences disclosed in the final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. He will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision will be prepared and filed with the final EIS. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR 217).

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Missouri 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 Missouri Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m.

and adjourn at 8:30 p.m. on May 30, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future projects and hold orientation for new members.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). 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, April 17, 1996.
Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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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 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 9:00 p.m. on May 16, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, 605 E. Broadway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information on civil rights enforcement in North Dakota.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Betty Mills, 701-223-4643, or John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303-866-1400 (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.

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