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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-033N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods; Meeting

The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods' (NACMCF) subcommittees on Risk Assessment, Fresh Produce, Codex, and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) will hold meetings on September 10 and 11, 1996, in Rooms 4347 and 0745, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

On September 10, 1996, the Codex Subcommittee will meet in Room 4347 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to hear a presentation from a U.S. Government representative about the proposed draft "Code of Hygienic Practice for Uncured and Unripened Cheese and Ripened Soft Cheese" which will be discussed by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene in October 1996.

On September 10, 1996, the Fresh Produce Subcommittee will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 4347 to continue writing a report about pathogens on fresh produce.

On September 10 and 11, 1996, the HACCP Subcommittee drafting group will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 0745 to continue updating the Committee's 1992 document on HACCP principles.

On September 11, 1996, the Risk Assessment Subcommittee will meet from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 4347 to complete work on a document addressing microbiological risk assessment.

The Subcommittee meetings are open to the public on a space available basis. Comments may be sent before and after the meetings and should be addressed to: Mr. Craig Fedchock, Advisory Committee Specialist, U.S. Department

of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 311, 1255 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Background materials are available for inspection by contacting Mr. Fedchock on (202) 254-2517.

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Administrator.

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Forest Service

Prince John Project, Boise National Forest, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for an integrated resource management project in the headwaters of Big Creek, a tributary of the North Fork Payette River below Cascade Reservoir. The project area is located 15 miles east of Cascade, Idaho, and about 100 road miles north of Boise, Idaho.

The agency invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. The agency also hereby gives notice of the environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An environmental assessment (EA) for this project was released for a 30-day public review and comment period in April 1996 under the auspices of Public Law 104-19. Since that time, and prior to the release of the Decision Notice, clarification on implementation of Public Law 104-19 has made it necessary to prepare an EIS for the project (Secretary of Agriculture Glickman, July 2, 1996).

Proposed Action

Five primary objectives have been identified for the project: (1) Salvage the dead and imminently dead trees from the area; (2) achieve the desired future condition of a healthy diverse forest in which important resource values, including healthy timber stands, are

sustained; (3) improve big-game forage habitat, thin overcrowded stands of plantations, and reduce natural fuel loads through the use of prescribed fire; (4) reduce current sediment delivery from existing roads by obliterating sections of these roads located immediately adjacent to perennial streams; and (5) provide sawlogs and other wood products to help sustain local sawmills and economies.

The proposed action would treat, either with timber harvest or prescribed fire, a total of 3,695 acres in the 67,637-acre Gold Fork/Clear Creek Management Area. An estimated 15 MMBF of timber would be harvested through silvicultural treatment of the stands. Approximately 2,856 acres would be harvested by ground-based (916 acres), cable (772 acres), or helicopter (1,168 acres) yarding systems. The proposed action would employ a variety of silvicultural systems including clearcutting with reserve trees (9 percent), irregular shelterwood (74 percent), and individual tree selection (17 percent). Prescribed fire would occur on another 839 acres to improve big-game forage habitat (110 acres), thin overcrowded plantations (385 acres), and/or reduce natural fuel loads (344 acres). The existing transportation system would be improved to facilitate harvest and reduce sedimentation, with individual sections of 28 miles of road being reconstructed, 4.7 miles of new specified road construction, and 2 miles of temporary road construction. An estimated 6.1 miles of existing roads, most of which lie immediately adjacent to perennial streams, would be obliterated. Portions of the new specified road construction would be necessary to access heavily used recreational areas, such as Gold Fork Meadows.

Preliminary Issues

Anticipated concerns with the proposed action are: (1) The project's visual impacts to the area as seen from Forest Highway 22; (2) timber harvest and associated road construction could impact the undeveloped characteristics and wilderness attributes of the Needles and Stony Meadows Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRA's); (3) proposed activities could result in a low likelihood of persistence of pileated woodpecker, northern goshawk, and fisher within the analysis area; and (4)