

objectives requiring vegetative manipulation; and provides posts, poles, and other forest products to individuals for their own use. The Forest Service manages timber and other vegetation on 191.6 million acres in the National Forest System. The changing nature of the timber program under ecosystem management, the persistent rise in timber program unit costs, and changing national and regional priorities have given rise to the need to explore new and innovative ways to achieve national forest timber-related vegetative management goals.

The Forest Service has scheduled an October meeting to gather ideas for improving the efficiency and administrative flexibility of the national forest timber sale program. To ensure that a broad array of interested parties are represented in the deliberations, there will be a number of invited participants. Other individuals interested in the meeting will be accommodated up to the limitations of the available space.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit written comment to the agency's meeting coordinator named in this notice. To facilitate this process, a meeting summary will be available by November 20, 1996, and may be obtained by contacting the meeting coordinator.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

David G. Unger,
Associate Chief.

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Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping workshops and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping workshops and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in connection with a project in Alaska proposed by the seven electric utilities that are collectively known as the Intertie Participants Group (IPG). The IPG consists of Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach), Municipality of Anchorage—Municipal Light and Power, City of Seward—Seward Electric System, Matanuska Electric Association, Inc., and the Municipality of Fairbanks—Fairbanks Municipal Utilities System, Golden

Valley Electric Association, Inc. (GVEA), and Homer Electric Association, Inc. (HEA). GVEA and HEA intend to apply for RUS financing assistance for the proposed project. Chugach will act as the construction manager for the proposed project. The proposal, which is referred to as the Southern Intertie Project, consists of the construction and operation of a 230 kV transmission line to be operated initially at 138 kV between Anchorage and a location on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

DATES: RUS will conduct three public scoping workshops as follows:

November 12, 1996, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Spenard Community Recreation Center, 2020 West 48th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, Tel: (907) 343-4160

November 13, 1996, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Cooper Landing Community Hall, Bean Creek Road, Cooper Landing, Alaska, Tel: (907) 595-1257

November 14, 1996, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Kenai Peninsula Borough Chambers, 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska, Tel: (907) 262-4441.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784, or Dora Gropp, Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Minnesota Drive, P.O. Box 196300, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6300, telephone, (800) 478-7494/(907) 762-4626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GVEA and HEA, along with the other five IPG members, are proposing to construct a 230 kV transmission line between Anchorage and a location on the Kenai Peninsula. Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, energy conservation, local generation, system alternatives, transmission alternatives, and alternative routes. Comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted orally or in writing within 30 days after the November 14, 1996, workshop to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

The IPG and their consultants have prepared a report entitled, "Southern Intertie Route Selection Study" (Study) for the project. The Environmental Section Report and the Executive Summary Section Report from that Study are available for public review at RUS or Chugach, at the addresses provided in this notice. These reports are also available at the other participants' offices and local libraries.

Please consult local notices for locations.

Based on the study mentioned above and input from interested local, state, and Federal agencies and the public, the IPG and their consultants will prepare an Environmental Analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. RUS will prepare a Draft EIS based on the Environmental Analysis and any other information available to RUS. The Draft EIS will be available for public review for 45 days. The Final EIS will then be prepared considering all the comments received, and made available for public review and comment at least for 30 days. At the end of 30-day comment period a Record of Decision will be issued on the project.

This proposal will require compliance with Title 11 of Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act if lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are crossed.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: October 4, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,
Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.
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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: October 15-16, 1996.

PLACE: ARRB, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open (Room 206) and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- October 15, 9:00 a.m.—Closed Meeting
 1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting
 2. Review of Assassination Records
 3. Other Business
- October 16, 9:00 a.m.—Continuation of Closed Meeting
- October 16, 2:00 p.m.—Open Meeting
 1. Procedures for handling records whose relevance to the assassination cannot be determined
 2. Other issues

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen Sullivan, Assistant Press and Public Affairs Officer, 600 E Street, NW., Second Floor, Washington, DC

20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

David G. Marwell,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 71-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 29—Louisville, Kentucky Application for Expansion and Request for Manufacturing Authority (Military Ordnance)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 29, requesting authority to expand FTZ 29, Louisville, Kentucky, to include three additional sites, including a Naval Ordnance facility which is used for military weapons repair and maintenance activity. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on September 26, 1996.

FTZ 29 was approved on May 26, 1977 (Board Order 118, 42 FR 29323, 6/8/77), and expanded on January 31, 1989 (Board Order 429, 54 FR 5992, 2/7/89). The zone project currently consists of the following two sites in the Louisville, Kentucky area: *Site 1* (1,319 acres)—located within the Riverport Industrial Complex; and *Site 2* (675 acres)—located at the junction of Gene Snyder Freeway and La Grange Road in eastern Jefferson County.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone. The three additional sites requested are: Proposed *Site 3* (142 acres, 1,629,000 sq. ft.)—the United States Navy Ordnance Facility (currently in the process of being privatized), located at 5403 Southside Drive, Louisville; Proposed *Site 4* (2,311 acres, 6,184,406 sq. ft.)—consisting of the Louisville International Airport and three other airport-related parcels (*Parcel A* (1,626 acres)—the Louisville International Airport, including the Airport's industrial park area; *Parcel B* (94 acres)—the Dixie Warehouse & Cartage Co. public warehousing facility located at Grade Lane, Louisville; *Parcel C* (475 acres)—the UPS Airport Tank Farm and maintenance facilities located at the Louisville International Airport;

and, *Parcel D* (116 acres)—the UPS Outer Loop warehousing facility located at Stennett Lane, Louisville); and, Proposed *Site 5* (70 acres)—the Ashland Inc. Tank Farm (1.3 million barrels) and pipelines, located at 4510 Algonquin Parkway along the Ohio River, Louisville, which supplies part of the airport's fuel system.

Ownership of the Naval Ordnance Facility (Site 3) is currently being transferred to the Louisville/Jefferson County Redevelopment Authority for use by private firms that are authorized by the Department of Defense (DOD) to conduct weapons repair activity for the U.S. military, as well as for foreign governments. The facility would also be available for authorized non-military commercial activity.

Authorization is being requested for activity at Site 3, which will involve the repair, overhaul and refurbishing of military weapons systems under FTZ procedures. The weapons include cannons, gun systems (20mm to 5 inches), missiles, missile hardware, missile and torpedo launchers, radar, navigational equipment and sights. The components and materials sourced from abroad include cannons, launchers, guided missile parts, telescopic sights, mechanical devices, fabricated structures, air or vacuum pumps, air conditioning machines, electric motor generators, computer automated data processing machines, gaskets, magnets, and batteries, transformers, electrical apparatus for line telephony, headphones and parts, recording media transmission apparatus, radar apparatus, indicator panels, capacitors, resistors, printed circuits, displays cathode ray tubes, meters diodes and transistors, insulators and fittings, optical fibers, lenses and mirrors lenses for projection, test instruments, oscilloscopes, analyzers, and measuring/checking instruments. FTZ procedures would provide duty-free treatment for export shipments, and for shipments to the U.S. military. While operated as a Naval facility, activity was conducted under special Customs procedures applicable to DOD. FTZ status will allow the activity to continue on a similar Customs basis after conversion takes place.

FTZ procedures will exempt the foreign components used in production for export from Customs duties. With respect to domestic sales, most shipments would qualify for duty-free treatment under DOD's military certificate program rather than being subject to the duty rate that would otherwise apply to the foreign components (duty-free to 15%). The application indicates that the savings

from zone procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 9, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to December 23, 1996).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 601 W. Broadway, Room 634B, Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zone Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

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[Docket 70-96]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Spokane, Washington; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Spokane Airport Board, on behalf of the City and County of Spokane, Washington, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Spokane, Washington, within the Spokane Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on September 25, 1996. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 24.46.020 of the Revised Code of Washington.

The proposed zone would consist of 3 sites (5,710 acres) in Spokane: *Site 1* (4,700 acres)—Spokane International Airport, West 9000 Airport Drive; *Site 2* (600 acres)—Spokane International Airport Business Park, Airport Corporate Center, South 3707 Godfrey