

be blended in such a way that the Pilgrim analysis area would represent a diverse, healthy, productive, and sustainable ecosystem.

Public participation will be important during the analysis, especially during the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues.
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environment analysis.
4. Exploring additional alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

Comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals who may be interested in, or affected by, the decision are encouraged to identify other significant issues. Public participation will be solicited through mailing letters to mining claim owners, private land owners, and special use permittees within the Downville Ranger District boundaries; posting information in local towns; and mailing letters to local timber industries, politicians, school boards, county supervisors, and environmental groups. Continued participation will be emphasized through individual contacts. No public meetings are scheduled.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in January, 1998. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of DEIS 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 be raised at the DEIS state but, that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS, 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, 13338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of the court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period 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 final EIS.

It assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the DEIS 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 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The final EIS is expected to be available by May, 1998. The responsible official, the Forest Supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest, will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Judie Tartaglia,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine 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 Maine Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at the Central Maine Technical College, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn, Maine 04210. The Committee will reconvene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 1997, at the Portland Arts and Technical High School, Room 213, 196 Allan Avenue, Portland, Maine 04103. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information on the project, Limited English Proficient Students in

Maine: An Assessment of Equal Educational Opportunities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Barney Bérubé, 207-287-5980, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). 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, May 14, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Seminar on the Final Antidumping Regulations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On June 5, 1997, the Department of Commerce will be holding a public seminar on the final antidumping regulations. In addition to a general overview of the new regulations, the seminar will include a presentation by Robert S. LaRussa, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration. Materials, including a summary of the changes in the new regulations, will be available, and time has been allotted for questions and answers.

The seminar will be held at 9:30-12:00 in Room 1863 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Members of the public wishing to register to attend must phone Ms. Lavenia Moultrie at (202) 482-1771.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Tildon at (202) 482-5497.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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