

need also provide guideposts for selection of a preferred alternative.

The purpose of this action is to create a coordinated approach and to select a management strategy that best achieves a combination of the following: (1)

Restore and maintain long-term ecosystem health and ecological integrity. (2) Support economic and/or social needs of people, cultures, and communities, and provide sustainable and predictable levels of products and services from lands administered by the Forest Service or BLM, including fish, wildlife, and native plant communities.

(3) Update or amend current Forest Service and BLM management plans with long-term direction primarily at the regional and sub-regional levels. (4) Emphasize adaptive management over the long term. (5) Provide consistent direction at regional and sub-regional levels that will assist managers in making project decisions at a local level in the context of broader ecological considerations. (6) Help restore and maintain habitats and viability of plant and animal species, especially for threatened, endangered, and candidate species and of special interest to Tribes. This would be done primarily by moving toward desired ranges of landscape conditions on a sub-regional and regional basis. (7) Provide opportunities for cultural, recreational, and aesthetic experiences. (8) Replace interim direction (PACFISH, INFISH, and Eastside screens) primarily with ecosystem-based long-term, regional and subregional strategies, to provide a broader context for local direction. (9) Identify where current policy, regulation, or law may act as barriers to implementing the strategy or achieving desired conditions.

The need for this action is to restore and maintain long-term ecosystem health and ecological integrity; and to support the economic and/or social needs of people, cultures, and communities, and sustainable and predictable levels of goods and services from National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management lands. Using the issues identified through public scoping to establish the scope of the alternatives, the interdisciplinary team developed five action alternatives intended to respond to the statement of the purpose and need. Alternatives 1 and 2 are variations of "no action". Alternatives 3 through 7 are alternative ecosystem-based management strategies. The themes of the seven alternatives are as follows:

Alternative 1: Continues management specified under existing Forest Service or BLM land-use lands.

Alternative 2: Applies recent interim direction (PACFISH, INFISH, and Eastside Screens as the long-term strategy for lands administered by Forest Service or BLM. All other direction from existing plans would continue. Direction in Alternative 1 would apply to areas not covered by interim direction.

Alternative 3: Updates existing Forest Service or BLM plans in response to changing conditions. Minimizes changes to local plans, addressing only priority conditions that most hinder effectiveness or legal conditions. Provides a broader dimension and more integrated management regarding priority large-scale issues than Alternatives 1 or 2.

Alternative 4: Aggressively restores ecosystem health through active management using an integrated ecosystem management approach. Priority is placed on forest, rangeland, and watershed health. Actions are designed to produce economic benefits whenever practical. Alternative 4 is the agencies' preferred alternative.

Alternative 5: Emphasizes production of goods and services consistent with ecosystem management principles. Areas are targeted for specific uses based on biological capability and economic efficiency. Other uses may occur but conflicts would be resolved in favor of the priority use.

Alternative 6: Emphasizes an adaptive management approach to restore and maintain ecosystems while providing for social and economic needs. Takes a slower, more cautious approach than other alternatives and implies the use of experimental processes, local research, and extensive monitoring.

Alternative 7: Emphasizes reducing risks to ecological integrity and species viability by establishing a system of reserve lands administered by the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management. Reserves are selected for representation of vegetation and rare animal species. Management activities are limited within reserves and are similar to Alternative 3 outside reserves.

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: American Battle Monuments Commission.

ACTION: Notice of performance review board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the American Battle Monuments Commission Performance Review Board. The publication of these appointments is required by Section 405(a) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-454, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4)).

DATES: These appointments are effective as of 1 May 1997.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama 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 Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on June 26, 1997, at the Paramount High School, County Road 17, Boligee, AL 35443. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a community forum on race relations in Boligee and Greene county.