

Forest Service lands in the northeastern corner of Round Valley. This will be a one-time aerial application of herbicides with follow-up by ground treatment. No other aerial application of herbicides will be analyzed in this document.

Public participation is especially important at several points during the analysis. The first point is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7). The Forest Service will be 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 environmental analysis.
4. Exploring additional alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, cumulative effects and connected actions).

The Modoc County Agriculture Department will be invited to participate as a cooperating agency to supervise the eradication of this weed.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in August 1998. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement 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 draft environmental impact statements 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 draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement 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 at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

After the comment period ends on the draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. In the final EIS the Forest Service is required to respond to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the EIS, and applicable laws, regulation, and policies in making a decision.

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UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

The Director's Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

April 21, 1998.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(a)(2) (1996), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) announces the following Advisory Committee meetings:

Name: The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC).

Dates: May 11-12, 1998, June 8-9, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: For the May meeting: Offutt Air Force Base Omaha, Nebraska. For the June meeting: State Department Building, 320 21st Street, N.W. Room 4930 Washington, D.C.

Type Of Meetings: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Director's Advisory Committee,

Room 5844, Washington, D.C. 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory: To advise the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding agreements including the START II Treaty, Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Convention on Conventional Weapons. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA personnel. All meetings will be held in Executive Session.

Reason for Closing: The DirAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized by Executive Order 12,958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and foreign policy.

Authority to Close Meetings: The closing of the meetings is in accordance with a determination by the Acting Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency dated April 21, 1998, made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d) (1996).

Nancy Aderholdt,

Acting Director of Administration.

April 21, 1998.

Determination To Close Meetings of the Director's Advisory Committee

The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC) will hold meetings in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 11-12, and Washington, D.C., on June 8-9, 1998.

The entire agenda of these meetings will be devoted to specific national security policy and arms control issues. In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d) (1996), I have determined that the meetings may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1996). Materials to be discussed at the meetings have been properly classified, and are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12,958, 60 Fed. Reg. 19,825 (1995), to be kept secret in the interests of national defense and foreign policy.

Ralph Earle, II,

Acting.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.
