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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Executive Committee Special Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of special meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended by section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), will have a special meeting of the Advisory Board's Executive Committee, with USDA officials to discuss the Advisory Board's role under the pending Agricultural Research, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

Dates: June 29, 1998, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: USDA, Cooperative State Research Service, Aerospace Building, Conference Room 824A-B, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public. Conference room space is limited. The public is requested to confirm attendance with the contact person below. Identification is required upon entering the USDA facilities.

Comments: The public may also file written comments before or within 2 weeks after the meeting with the contact person. All statements will become a part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, D.C. 20250-2255.

For Further Information Contact: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 9th day of June 1998.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Moira Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide timber for the Ketchikan Area timber sale program. The Record of Decision will disclose how the Forest Service has decided to provide harvest units, roads, and associated timber harvesting facilities. The proposed action is to harvest up to an estimated 435 million board feet (mmbf) of timber on an estimated 3,000 acres in several timber sales. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues will be developed and will include a no-action alternative. The proposed timber harvest is located within Tongass Forest Plan Value Comparison Units 683, 691, 692, 693,

and 694 on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, on the Craig Ranger District of the Ketchikan Area of the Tongass National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by July 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Forest Supervisor's Office; Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Area; Attn: Moira EIS; Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposal and EIS should be directed to Dale Kanen, District Ranger, Craig Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 500, Craig, AK 99921; telephone (907) 826-3271 or Norm Matson, Planning Biologist, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK 99901; telephone (907) 228-6273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation will be an integral component of the study process and will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first is during the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies, individuals and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. The scoping process will include: (1) identification of potential issues; (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth; and (3) elimination of insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. Written scoping comments are being solicited through a scoping package that will be sent to the project mailing list. For the Forest Service to best use the scoping input, comments should be received by July 30, 1998. Tentative issues identified for analysis in the EIS include the potential effects of the project on and the relationship of the project to: Subsistence resources, old-growth ecosystem management and the maintenance of habitat for viable populations of wildlife and plant species, timber supply, scenery and recreational resources, anadromous and resident fish habitat, soil and water resources, wetlands, cultural resources and others.

Based on results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the project area, alternatives including a "no action" alternative will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact