

actions pay for themselves without resulting in a deficit timber sale?

These issues will be refined and developed in detail as scoping proceeds. Comments on the issues and suggestions for additional issues are welcome in response to this Notice of Intent.

Public scoping and involvement will begin with the publication of this notice. A scoping letter that describes the proposed action and preliminary issues will be mailed to members of the Powell NEPA mailing list. The interdisciplinary team will be working to develop a range of alternatives to the proposed action and to assess the environmental effects of the alternatives. One of the alternatives will be the "No Action" alternative. Other alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal's purposes, as well as to respond to the environmental issues and other resource values. Comments concerning the range of alternatives or possible environmental effects would be useful to the team in completing their analysis.

The Clearwater National Forest Land Management Plan provides the land management direction for the JJ's Planning Area. Forest Plan Management Areas in the JJ's analysis include the following:

E1-Timber producing land managed for healthy forests and optimum tree growth.

A7-Recreation River Corridor managed for dispersed recreation, water quality and visual resources.

C4-Big game winter range managed for browse and timber production.

It is anticipated that the environmental analysis and preparation of the draft and final environmental impact statements will take about one year. The draft environmental impact statement can be expected in March 1999 and a final environmental impact statement can be expected in December 1999.

A 45 day comment period will be provided for the public to make comments on the draft environmental impact statement. This comment period will be in addition to scoping and will begin when the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS appears in the **Federal Register**. A Record of Decision will be prepared and filed with the final environmental impact statement. A forty-five day appeal period will be applicable.

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. To be most helpful, comments on the draft environmental statement should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC* 435 US 519, 553 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure 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.

Comment received in response to this solicitation, including names and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215 or 217.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement. My address is Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544.

Dated: September 29, 1998

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Acting Forest Supervisor, Clearwater National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on October 7, 1998, at the Cle Elum Ranger District office, 803 W. 2nd. Street, Cle

Elum, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. During the morning segment of this meeting the group will be visiting the upper Cle Elum Valley area, and during the afternoon they will be reconvening in Cle Elum to discuss dispersed recreation management. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Sonny J. O'Neal,

Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments must be received on or before: November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as