

of finding the species on the Allegheny National Forest will be increased. If found, a better understanding of its habitat needs can be assessed.

2. If a small whorled pogonia is found on the Allegheny National Forest, consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service will be re-initiated.

The Allegheny National Forest entered into formal consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service on December 18, 1998. During formal consultation, the Fish and Wildlife Service may elect to change or delete some of these proposed terms and conditions, or they may add new terms and conditions. We expect the Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a biological opinion with the final terms and conditions early in the first half of 1999.

Proposed Forest Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Once the biological opinion is issued, Allegheny National Forest personnel will complete the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and send it out for review and comment.

The analysis documented in Draft Environmental Impact Statement will consider a range of alternatives. One of these alternatives will evaluate no change to the current Forest Plan (No Action). A second alternative would be the proposed action which is to amend the Forest Plan to incorporate the terms and conditions proposed in the Biological Assessment, as modified by the Biological Opinion to be issued. Issues which are generated through the scoping process may generate additional alternatives.

Federal, State, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the decision are invited to participate in the scoping process. This process includes the following: (1) Identification of potential issues; (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth; and (3) elimination of insignificant issues, those outside the scope of this analysis, or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. At this point in the process, we would appreciate your comments on what issues and possible alternatives should be considered and analyzed. Comments directed toward the substance of the project, as opposed to the scope of the analysis, are more appropriately submitted during the comment period following release of the draft environmental impact statement.

Preliminary issues identified include the following:

1. What are the effects of implementing current Forest Plan direction on threatened and endangered

species known to exist on or near the Allegheny National Forest (and their habitat), given current knowledge?

2. Are there additional actions Allegheny National Forest personnel should implement that would contribute toward the recovery of these species?

3. What are the changes to the current Forest Plan activities, outputs, and environmental effects from implementing any additional actions?

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and to be available for public review during April or May of 1999. At that time, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement. The comment period on the draft will be 45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Related Court Rulings

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage 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 proposals so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers 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 may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement, *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1988), 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.

Comments and Decision

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 CEQ 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 environmental impact statement, the comments received will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement.

The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed in August of 1999. In the final Environmental Impact Statement, 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 environmental impact statement, and applicable laws, regulations and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217.

The responsible official is John E. Palmer, Forest Supervisor, Allegheny National Forest, 222 Liberty Street, P.O. Box 847, Warren PA 16365.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

John E. Palmer,
Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey 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 New Jersey Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on February 26, 1999, at the Newark City Council Chambers, 920 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. The Committee will (1) discuss a project on "Civil Rights Enforcement in New Jersey: An Evaluation of the State's Division of Civil Rights", (2) review subcommittee work on employment discrimination against Asian American State government employees, (3) conduct planning for upcoming activity, and (4) listen to invited speakers give their views on significant civil rights issues affecting the Newark area and New Jersey.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation

to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Irene Hill-Smith, 609-468-5546, 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 ten (10) 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, January 29, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Ohio 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 Ohio Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999, at the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College, 2900 Community College Avenue, Student Center Building, United Room—3rd Floor, Cleveland Ohio 44115. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) discuss civil rights issues, (2) plan future activities, and (3) review and approve the Committee's report, "Employment Opportunities for Minorities in Montgomery County, Ohio."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Grace Ramos, 614-466-6715, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) 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, January 27, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 4:00 p.m. and adjourn at 7:30 p.m. on March 2, 1999, at the Pawtucket City Hall, City Council Chamber, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860. The purpose of the meeting is to be briefed by invited civil rights advocates on the status of civil issues in Rhode Island. The Committee will plan for future events and review a draft of the Committee's statement of concern, The Impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 on Legal Immigrants in Rhode Island.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Olga Noguers, 401-464-1876, 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 ten (10) 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, January 29, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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International Trade Administration

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Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Rimlinger, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4477.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof (AFBs) from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. On June 29, 1998, the Department initiated these administrative reviews covering the period May 1, 1997, through April 30, 1998.

Another matter has recently placed unanticipated heavy burdens on the Department's limited resources. These burdens are short term; however, they have made it so that it is not practicable to complete the AFBs reviews within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department, therefore, is extending the due date for the preliminary results to February 16, 1999. The Department intends to issue the final results of reviews 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This extension of the time limit is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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