

regeneration harvest would exceed 40 acres.

The analysis area lies between Butte, Boulder, and Whitehall, Montana. It includes several tributaries to Boulder River. Some included tributaries are: Bison Creek; Kleinsmith Gulch; Galena Gulch; Little Galena Gulch; North Fork Little Boulder River; and Little Boulder Creek. (T4N,R5W; T5N,R4W; T5N,R5W; T5N,R6W; T6N,R4W; T6N,R5W; T6N,R6W). The project area encompasses approximately 69,000 acres.

Potential issues identified are the effects of the proposal on watershed function, visual quality, fish and wildlife, noxious weeds, and roadless character.

Public participation is important to the analysis. Part of the goal of public involvement is to identify additional issues and to refine the general, tentative issues identified above. People may visit with Forest Service and BLM officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. Two periods are specifically designated for comments on the analysis: (1) During the scoping process and (2) during the draft EIS comment period.

During the scoping process, the Forest Service and BLM are seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. The agencies invite written comments and suggestions on this action, particularly in terms of identification of issues and alternative development.

Analysis of this proposed action began in an environmental assessment (EA). Public involvement for the EA started in October 1998 with a scoping letter to interested parties and legal notice in the Montana Standard. Since then, the public has participated in formulating issues and developing alternatives through responding to large mailings and attending periodic public meetings and field trips.

The Forest Service and BLM will continue to jointly involve the public and will inform interested and affected parties as to how they may participate and contribute to the final decision. Another formal opportunity for response will be provided following completion of a draft EIS.

The draft EIS should be available for the review in December, 1999. The final EIS is scheduled for completion in March, 1999.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in

the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 60-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 and BLM 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.

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Supervisor and the Butte Field Manager are the responsible officials who will make the decision. They will decide on this proposal after considering comments and responses, environmental consequences discussed in the Final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

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Dated: June 1, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A partially closed meeting of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will be held June 23, 1999, 9:00 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, N.W.,

Washington, D.C. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to those portions of the Export Administration Act, as amended, that deal with United States policies of encouraging trade with all countries with which the United States has diplomatic or trading relations and of controlling trade for national security and foreign policy reasons.

#### Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Administration export control initiatives.
4. Task Force reports.

#### Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, Bureau of Export Administration, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Subcommittee to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522 (c)(1) was approved October 16, 1997, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

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