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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition.

DATE AND TIME: September 14–16, 1999, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, 4th Floor Conference Room, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will continue its study of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). The agenda items will include a discussion of general program issues.

STATUS: Meetings of the Council are open to the public. Members of the public may participate, as time permits. Members of the public may file written statements with the contact person named below before or after the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Persons wishing additional information about this meeting should contact Jackie Rodriguez, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 540, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Telephone: (703) 305-2747.

Dated: August 3, 1999.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Red Knight Restoration Project, Winema National Forest, Klamath County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for restoration projects within the Red Knight planning area on the Chemult Ranger District of the Winema National Forest. Red Knight planning area is located in T29S, T30S, R10E, R11E, Willamette Meridian and covers an area of approximately 36,000 acres. The planning area is located west/northwest of Yamsay Mountain Semiprimitive Recreation Area and south of the Silver Lake Highway. Jackson Creek traverses the planning area. The Winema National Forest invites written comments on this proposal and the scope of analysis. The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process so interested and affected persons may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by September 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Red Knight Project, Chemult Ranger District, P.O. Box 150, Chemult, Oregon 97731.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayne Goodwin, 541-365-7072 or e-mail at: jgoodwin/r6pnw__winema@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This project will be consistent with the Winema National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as amended by the Revised Environmental Assessment for the Continuation of Interim Management Direction Establishing Riparian, Ecosystem and Wildlife Standards for Timber Sales (Eastside Screens) and the Inland Native Fish Strategy Environmental

Assessment (INFISH). The Eastside screens were designed to offer conservative protection to riparian, ecosystem, and wildlife values. INFISH provides interim direction to protect habitat and populations of resident native fish outside of anadromous fish habitat. The Red Knight planning area incorporates the following Forest Plan Management Areas (MA): Scenic Management (MA-3) designed to maintain and create visually pleasing scenery; Old-Growth Ecosystems (MA-7) designed to provide, maintain and enhance existing mature and old-growth communities; Riparian Areas (MA-8) designed to protect soil, water, wetland, floodplain, wildlife, and fish resource values; Timber Production (MA-12) designed to produce a high level of growth and timber production; and Upper Williamson (MA-15) designed to provide a natural-appearing forest setting for dispersed recreation activities and special wildlife habitats. The planning area is within former Klamath India Reservation lands.

Purpose and Need

Portions of the Red Knight planning area are crowded with trees that are competing for nutrients, water, and growing space. Dwarf mistletoe infections are present. Mature and old-growth ponderosa pine and mixed conifer habitat is at risk from competition-induced mortality and wildlife. Aspen stands are declining due to lodgepole pine encroachment. Fire suppression and growth of stands have resulted in development of excessive fuel accumulations and a decline in forage production. Prior to recognition of the value of standing and down dead trees, past harvest practices created a shortage of snags and down logs. Current open road densities exceed recommendations for big game habitat. Densities average approximately 5 miles of open road per section (a section is one square mile).

The existing conditions described above have created needs—(1) for sustainable mature and old-growth habitat and quaking aspen habitat for support of populations of native species; (2) for reduced risk of stand replacement fires within the planning area; and (3) for sustainable habitat for big game. Scoping may identify more needs.