SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This site specific EIS will focus on a project proposal for expansion within the existing Master Plan. The environmental analysis will consider and include new information or changed circumstances since the programmatic decision on the ''Master Plan'' was made in 1991, including an action partially contained within an area previously inventoried as roadless. A Forest Plan Amendment will be needed to adjust the management allocation boundary from the 1990 Rogue River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The MAA expansion proposed action includes: construction of a new top drive, quad chairlift and associated ski runs within the western portion of the Special Use Permit area; approximately 8 acres of surface lift corridors and staging areas, providing novice skiers access to the proposed runs; a new skier services building; 2 additional work road segments; additional power, water lines and storage tanks, sewer lines; and increase parking lot by 200 spaces. The legal location description for all actions is T. 40 S., R. 1 E., in sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, W.M., Jackson County, Oregon.

Currently the variety of ski runs offered at MASA does not reflect the predominate demand of skiers and snowboarders, and projected future trends. Intermediate and low intermediate skiing terrain is currently inadequate, particularly to skiing groups and families with varying ski abilities and skills. The primary purpose and need associated with this proposed expansion is to make available additional novice and intermediate skiing terrain. MASA's capacity to host special programs and competitions is currently limited by available terrain and the concurrent need to accommodate the general skiing public. In addition, the current skier service facilities are not in line with the number of users and in some cases are inadequate, for example, sanitation, food service, and vehicle parking.

Preliminary issues include: water quality within a domestic supply watershed; protection of wetland habitats and rare plant and animal species; aesthetics and social considerations; and the economic feasibility associated with the operation and expansion of a commercial ski area. Alternatives being considered include opportunities to avoid or reduce impacts to wetland areas and alternative locations for ski runs, parking and other proposed ski area facilities.

Comments received on the draft EIS will be considered in the preparation of the final EIS. The draft EIS is now expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in November 1999. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register.** At the end of the comment period on the draft EIS, comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by March 2000.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses 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 Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp.* v. *NRDC,* 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City Angoon* v. *Hodel,* 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc.* v. *Harris,* 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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 Forest Service is the Lead Agency for this EIS. The Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official. The Responsible Official will consider the comments, responses to the comments, environmental consequences discussed in the final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The Responsible Official will document the Mt. Ashland Ski Area Expansion decision and the rationale for the decision in a ROD. The Forest Service decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Dated: September 30, 1999.

Robert W. Shull,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on October 27 and 28, 1999, at the Brook Trails Fire Department Meeting Room in Willits, California. The meeting will be held from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. on October 27, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on October 28. The Brook Trails Fire Department is located at 24860 Birch St. in Willits. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update on Survey and Manage requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan (to include status of the lawsuit, preliminary injunctions and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Analysis); (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) Update (to

include Interagency Advisory Committee/PAC Summit); (3) Work on the Ground Subcommittee Report (to include scheduling of CY 2000 field Trips, and follow up to previous presentations on forest health, land allocations, and the 15% Retention Standards and Guidelines); (4) Schedule CY 2000 PAC meetings (to include discussion on the proposal to work jointly with the Northwest Sacramento PAC on the Fork Fire area rehabilitation as a focus of activities); (5) Presentation by CalTrans concerning herbicide use to manage vegetation on State roadways within the California Coast Province; (6) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee Report (to include recommended letter on Lake Pillsbury block water, follow up on the previous meeting's fisheries panel, and recommendation to provide federal staff persons to advice the State on its watershed analyses); and (7) Open public comment. All California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934–3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934–3316.

Dated: October 4, 1999.

Daniel K. Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Field Office Technical Guide (Hawaii) conservation practice standards.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS Hawaii to issue a series of revised practice standards for use in the State of Hawaii. These practice standards are revised from the current National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These revised standards include Conservation Cover (Code 327), Forest Site Preparation (Code 490), Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management (Code 644), Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (Code 645), Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (Code 548), Nutrient Management (Code 590), Waste Utilization (Code 633), Mulching (Code 484), Fence (Code 382), Fence, Non-electric (Code 382A), Fence, Electric (Code 382B). These practice standards will be incorporated into Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 13, 1999. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire, or send comments in writing to Kenneth Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850.

Comments can be also e-mailed to comments@hi.nrcs.usda.gov.

Copies of these standards are available from NRCS, Prince Kuhio Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, room 4–118, Honolulu, Hawaii, or by writing to NRCS, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96850. Copies are also available electronically on the NRCS website at http://www.hi.nrcs.gov/fotg/html. Practice code numbers are used as file names on the website. These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 60 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Kenneth M. Kaneshiro,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census 2000 Content Reinterview Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joy Sharp, Census Bureau, Room 3484/3, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457–3869.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

As part of its plan to evaluate the quality of data collected in the Census 2000, the Census Bureau plans to conduct the Census 2000 Content Reinterview Survey (CRS). The evaluation of the quality of data collected in the Census 2000 is important for both data users and census planners. Data users must have knowledge of the accuracy and reliability of the data in order to make informed decisions about how errors in the data may affect the conclusions they draw from analyzing the data. Census planners require similar information to develop and test methods to improve the overall quality of the data produced in future censuses.

The methods used to collect and process census data are complex and subject to error. One particular type of error, response error, arises from the erroneous or unreliable reporting of characteristics. Response error in the decennial census has traditionally been measured through content reinterview surveys. The Census Bureau first began conducting a census CRS after the 1950