

Forest Service is taking the following actions.

First, in the next several weeks, the agency will publish proposed changes to the National Forest System Transportation System rules at 36 CFR Part 212 and to Forest Service Manual direction. This proposed rule is designed primarily to better manage the existing national forest road system. It would also establish new procedural requirements to help managers make more informed decisions concerning entry into roadless areas. A draft environmental assessment will accompany the proposed rule.

Second, the agency is beginning a two part process, outlined in this Notice of Intent, to initiate a public rulemaking process that proposes protection of remaining National Forest System roadless areas.

Proposal

The Forest Service proposes to promulgate a rule that would initiate a two part process to protect roadless areas. If adopted, part one would immediately restrict certain activities, such as road construction, in unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas, as previously identified in RARE II and existing forest plan inventories.

Possible alternatives to be considered in the draft environmental impact statement for part one may include:

- Prohibiting new road construction and reconstruction projects in the remaining unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas;
- Prohibiting new road construction and reconstruction projects and commercial timber harvest in the remaining unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas;
- Prohibiting the implementation of all activities, subject to valid existing rights, that do not contribute to maintaining or enhancing the ecological values of roadless areas in remaining unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas; and
- Making no change in current policy (No action alternative).

Part two would establish national direction for managing inventoried roadless areas, and for determining whether and to what extent similar protections should be extended to uninventoried roadless areas. After approval of a final rule, the direction for part two would be implemented at the forest plan level through the plan amendment and NEPA process. This national direction would guide land managers in determining what activities are consistent with protecting the important ecological and social values associated with inventoried roadless

areas. It would also guide land managers in determining what activities are appropriate in uninventoried roadless areas that have important ecological and social values.

Possible alternatives to be considered in the draft EIS for part two include:

- National procedures and criteria that address how land managers at the forest plan level should manage activities, other than those addressed in part one, in inventoried roadless areas;
- National procedures and criteria that address how land managers at the forest plan level should manage uninventoried roadless areas so as to protect their unroaded characteristics and benefits. Possible alternatives include:
 - a. Protecting unroaded areas based on their ecological characteristics;
 - b. Protecting existing unroaded National Forest System lands that are at least 1,000 acres in size and contiguous to unroaded areas of 5,000 acres or more on all other Federal lands;
 - c. Protecting existing unroaded areas of at least 1,000 acres;
 - No change in current policy (No action alternative).

Alternatives may consider certain exemptions under specific situations. In light of the recent revision of the Tongass National Forest Land management plan and the transition in the timber program in Southeast Alaska, we specifically solicit comments on whether or not the proposed rule should apply to the Tongass National Forest and, if so, whether inventoried Tongass roadless areas should be covered under part one of the rule or only under part two.

Proposed NEPA Scoping Process

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process. As part of the scoping period, the Forest Service solicits public comment on the nature and scope of the environmental, social, and economic issues related to the proposed rulemaking that should be analyzed in depth in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments on this proposal and possible alternatives should be sent to the Content Analysis Enterprise Team (CAET) at the address shown earlier in this notice. Dates and locations of scoping meetings will be announced shortly.

The Importance of Participating in Scoping

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 environmental impact statements 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, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage, but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of 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 very important that those interested in this proposed policy 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 draft environmental impact statement.

Time Frame

Upon completion of the scoping process, a draft environmental impact statement will be prepared. The draft environmental impact statement and proposed rule are expected to be available for public review and comment in Spring 2000, and a final environmental impact statement and final rule will follow.

The Responsible Official

The Responsible Official is Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

Mike Dombeck,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on November 3, 1999 at Umpqua National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) 1999 Province

Monitoring; (2) February Regional PAC Meeting; (3) Umpqua National Forest Restoration Strategy Briefing; (4) Forest Service Draft Planning Rule Briefing; (5) Potential Implications of Recent Court Rulings; and (6) Public Comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Evenson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, phone (541) 957-3344.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Don Ostby,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 45-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 27—Boston, MA, Application for Subzone, J. Baker, Inc. (Distribution of Apparel, Footwear and Accessories) Canton, MA; Correction

The **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 49440, September 13, 1999) describing the application submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Massachusetts Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 27, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the apparel, footwear and accessories warehousing/distribution facilities of J. Baker, Inc., located in Canton, MA, is corrected as follows. Paragraph 2, sentence 1, describing the square footage and acreage for each facility should be changed to "The Baker facilities are located at 330 Turnpike Street (45,850 sq. ft. on 4.16 acres) and at 555 Turnpike Street (750,000 sq. ft. on 30.7 acres)." In paragraph 2, sentence 4, the percentage of exports should be changed from "over 5 percent" to "less than 5 percent."

Dated: October 8, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-601]

Antidumping Administrative Review of Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Time Limit

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paige Rivas or Jim Terpstra, Group II, Office IV, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-0651, or (202) 482-3965, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the initial time limit established by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (245 days after the last day of the anniversary month), pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until January 31, 2000. See 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) and the Memorandum from Bernard T. Carreau to Robert S. LaRossa, on file in the Central Records Unit located in room B-099 of the main Department of Commerce building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: October 4, 1999.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-832]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors of One Megabit and Above ("DRAMs") From Taiwan

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Futtner at (202) 482-3814, Alexander Amdur at (202) 482-5346 (Etron), Ronald Trentham at (202) 482-6320 (MVI), Nova Daly at (202) 482-0989 (Nanya), or John Conniff at (202) 482-1009 (Vanguard), Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

Final Determination

We determine that DRAMs from Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Act. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

Case History

The preliminary determination in this investigation was issued on May 21, 1999. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors of One Megabit and Above ("DRAMs") from Taiwan*, 64 FR 28983 (May 28, 1999) ("*Preliminary Determination*"). Since the preliminary determination, the following events have occurred:

On May 24 and 27, 1999, we received information from the petitioner, Micron Technology, on possible circumvention of a future antidumping duty order. On June 1, 1999, we received a submission from Vanguard International