

Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft Environmental Impact 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. Comments received in response to this solicitation, 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 Part 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. Requesters should be aware that, under 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 7 days.

Permits required for implementation include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Approval of discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; and
- Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

2. Environmental Protection Agency

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit; and
- Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.

3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources

- Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement.

4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation

- Solid Waste Disposal Permit; and
- Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification).

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Carol Jorgensen, Assistant Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, P.O. Box 309, Alaska 99833, is the responsible official. The responsible official will consider the comments, response, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and stating the rationale in the Record of Decision.

Dated: December 29, 1999.

Carol J. Jorgensen,

Assistant Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on February 2 and 3, 2000, at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office in Eureka, California. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located at 1330 Bayshore Way in Eureka. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Survey and Manage Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Presentation and Work on the Ground Subcommittee Recommendations; (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (3) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee recommendations; (4) Megan Fire update; (5) Presentation on EPA's Draft Clean Water Action Plan; (6) Presentation on Natural Resources Conservation Service Erosion Control Plans; (7) Northern spotted owl baseline study final results and recommendations; and (8) 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, Forest Supervisor, or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825

N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Daniel K. Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Buffalo Rapids Watershed, Montana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding Of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Buffalo Rapids Watershed, Custer, Dawson, and Prairie Counties, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley Gammon, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 10 East Babcock, Room 443, Bozeman, Montana, 59715, telephone (406) 587-6813.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Shirley Gammon, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project concerns a plan for agricultural water management and watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include 19,000 acres of irrigation water management, nutrient management and conservation crop rotation; 2,100 acres of pest management; 500 acres of prescribed grazing; 65 miles of gated pipe; 30 miles of on-farm pipelines; 1,900 acres of center pivots; 1,900 acres of land leveling; 73 miles of lateral pipelines; improvements to 12 feedlots; and 8,000 acres of polyacrylamide application.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental