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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture

AGENCY: Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of a meeting in March of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting will be to address issues regarding trade. This meeting is open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETINGS: This meeting will be held from 9 AM EST until 5 PM EST on March 7, 2000 in Room 108-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy M. Peters (202-720-4860), Assistant Director, Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, Room 3702 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0524.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

Keith J. Collins,

Chief Economist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Duck-Sheriff Project, Forest and Warren Counties, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Reference is made to our notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Duck-Sheriff Project (FR Document. 99-2377 filed 1/27/99) published in the *Federal Register*, Volume 64, No. 21, Tuesday, February 2, 1999, pages 5019-5020.

In accordance with Forest Service Environmental Policy and Procedures handbook 1909.15, part 21.2—*Revision of Notices of Intent*, we are revising the date that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and be available for public review and comment on April 1, 2000. Subsequently, the date the final EIS is scheduled to be completed is revised to be July 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Apgar, Bradford Ranger District at HCI Box 88, Bradford, PA 16701 or by telephone at 814/362-4613.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

John R. Schultz,

Bradford District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Management Area 11 Analysis; Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Missoula and Powell Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare an environment impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the effects of snowmobiling on specific sites within Management Area 11 of the Lolo National Forest Plan on the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

DATE: Initial comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing no later than April 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Deborah L. R. Austin, Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest, Building 24, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59804.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Linford, Seeley Lake Ranger District, HC 31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, phone 406-677-3920, or email klinford@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lolo National Forest proposes to amend the Lolo Forest Plan in order to allow snowmobiling in specific sites that are located on the Seeley Lake Ranger District within Management Area 11 (MA 11) as described in the Lolo Forest Plan. The Lolo Forest Plan assigns land to 28 management areas. MA 11 represents large roadless blocks of land distinguished by their natural character and managed to provide for a variety of dispersed recreation activities and for wildlife that are dependent on old-growth forests. The forest plan prohibits motorized access in MA 11. Snowmobiling in portions of MA 11 is being considered in response to public interest in having a variety of dispersed recreation activities.

Public scoping was conducted on this proposal in 1998 and 1999 through public meetings and letters. Issues and comments identified during this earlier scoping will be carried forward and addressed in this analysis. During this process the Forest Service is seeking written comment, particularly addressing possible issues or alternatives. A scoping document will be prepared and mailed to parties known to be interested in the proposed action.

Effects of the proposed action on recreation, the Seeley Lake area economy wildlife, and roadless areas have been identified as four preliminary key issues. The following preliminary alternatives were identified in the original environmental analysis and respond to the key issues: (1) No action alternative—Do not allow any snowmobiling in MA 11, (2) Allow snowmobiling in specific portions of MA 11, (3) Close some areas not in MA 11 to snowmobiling, while opening specific MA 11 areas to snowmobiling, (4) Limit some of the areas open to snowmobiling with seasonal restrictions.