

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Survey and Manage Strategy for National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl**

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

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

SUMMARY: The original notice of intent (NOI) was published in *Federal Register* on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65167).

This notice stated that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were in the process of preparing a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) considering alternatives to make changes in mitigation measures first adopted in the Standards and Guidelines for Management of habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan), and incorporated into planning documents for administrative units of the Forest Service and BLM. This revised NOI changes how the Record of Decision will be issued; changes the Responsible Official; changes what Forest Service planning documents are being amended, corrects the statements concerning appeal procedures; and changes the title of the SEIS. The Final SEIS is expected to be released in May 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hugh Snook, EIS Team Coordinator, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208-3623, telephone (503) 808-2197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A single Record of Decision will be issued and will apply to public lands within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl that are administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. This includes lands in Oregon, Washington, and northern California. The Record of Decision will be signed jointly by the two responsible officials.

The responsible officials for this document have been changed. The responsible official for lands administered by the Forest Service will be the Secretary of Agriculture. The responsible official for public lands administered by the BLM will be the Secretary of Interior.

In addition to Land and Resource Management Plans for National Forests

and Resource Management Plans for BLM Districts as listed in the original NOI, selection of an alternative of this SEIS would amend Forest Service Regional Guides for the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest Regions.

The Record of Decision for this SEIS will not be subject to appeal under either Forest Service or BLM appeal procedures. A decision by the Secretary of Agriculture is not subject to administrative appeal under the Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR Part 217). A decision by the Secretary of Interior is not subject to administrative appeal under BLM protest procedures (43 CFR 4.410). Therefore, the Record of Decision will be the final agency for amendment of these standards and guidelines in the applicable planning documents.

In the original NOI, the title for the SEIS was identified as "Survey and Manage Strategy for National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl". The changed title more accurately reflects the analysis and decision to be made. Therefore, this title is revised to: "For Amendment to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and Other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines".

Dated: April 19, 2000.

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Forest Service.*

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Bureau of Land Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Western Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee Advisory Committee (Provincial Advisory Committee) will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Headquarters, 21905 64th Avenue West, in Mountlake Terrace, WA. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 3 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and discussion of the Finney

Adaptive Management Area (AMA), (2) Formulation and evaluation of options for the Finney AMA, (3) Determining how to better utilize active watershed groups, (4) Chilliwack River Monitoring Project, and (5) Salmon of the Skagit River.

In addition to the Advisory Committee meeting, a field trip for Advisory Committee members will take place the previous day, Wednesday, May 17, 2000. Members will tour portions of the Finney basin on the Darrington Ranger District, commencing at 9 a.m. at the Darrington District Office, 1405 Emens Street, Darrington, Washington, and ending back at the same Office about 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the trip is to orient Advisory Committee members to the Finney Adaptive Management Area issues and opportunities. All Western Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Interested citizens are also welcome to join the May 17 field trip; however, they must provide their own transportation.

The Provincial Advisory Committee provides advice regarding ecosystem management for federal lands within the Western Washington Cascades Province, as well as advice and recommendations to promote better integration of forest management activities among federal and non-federal entities. The Advisory Committee is a key element of implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Penny Sundblad, Province Liaison, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Baker Ranger District, 2105 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284 (360-856-5700, Extension 321).

Authority: 5 U.S.C. appendix.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Ronald R. DeHart,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 14-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 149—Freeport, Texas, Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Brazos River Harbor