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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers To Be Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions and Publication of Notice of Proposed Actions for Southern Region; Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will publish notice of decisions subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION** of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215.5(a) and 36 CFR part 217.5(d), the public shall be advised through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspaper to be utilized for publishing legal notices of decisions. Newspaper publication of notice of decisions is in addition to direct notice of decisions to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision. In addition, the Responsible Official in the Southern Region will also publish notice of proposed actions under 36 CFR 215 in the newspapers that are listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR part 215(a), the public shall be advised, through **Federal Register** notice, of the principal newspapers to be utilized for publishing notices on proposed actions.

DATES: Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217, and notices of

proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin on or after May 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Paul Kruglewicz, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Southern Region, Planning, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Phone: 404-347-4867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Southern Region will give legal notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217 and the Responsible Officials in the Southern Region will give notice of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. Responsible Officials in the Southern Region will also give notice of proposed actions under 36 CFR part 215 in the following principal newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. The timeframe for comment on a proposed action shall be based on the date of publication of the notice of the proposed action in the principal newspaper. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the principal newspaper for both 36 CFR parts 215 and 217.

Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the principal newspaper that will be utilized for publishing the legal notices of decisions. Additional newspapers listed for a particular unit are those newspapers the Deciding Officer expects to use for purposes of providing additional notice. The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the legal notice of the decision in the principal newspaper.

The following newspapers will be used to provide notice.

Southern Region

Regional Forester Decisions

Affecting National Forest System lands in more than one state of the 13 states of the Southern Region and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. *Atlanta Journal*, published daily in Atlanta, GA.

Affecting National Forest System lands in only one state of the 13 states of the Southern Region and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or only one Ranger District will appear in the principal newspaper elected by the National Forest of that state or Ranger District.

National Forests in Alabama, Alabama

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Montgomery Advertiser, published daily in Montgomery, AL

District Ranger Decisions

Bankhead Ranger District: Northwest Alabamian, published weekly (Monday & Thursday) in Haleyville, AL

Concuñ Ranger District: The Andalusia Star News, published daily (Tuesday through Saturday) in Andalusia, AL

Oakmulgee Ranger District: The Tuscaloosa News, published daily in Tuscaloosa, AL

Shoal Creek Ranger District: The Anniston Star, published daily in Anniston, AL

Talladega Ranger District: The Daily Home, published daily in Talladega, AL

Tuskegee Ranger District: Tuskegee News published weekly (Thursday) in Tuskegee, AL

Caribbean National Forest, Puerto Rico

Forest Supervisor Decisions

El Nuevo Dia, published daily in Spanish in San Juan, PR;

San Juan Star, published daily in English in San Juan, PR

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Georgia

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Times: published daily in Gainesville, GA

District Ranger Decisions

Armuchee Ranger District: Walker County Messenger, published bi-weekly (Wednesday & Friday) in LaFayette, GA

Toccoa Ranger District: The News Observer, published weekly (Wednesday) in Blue Ridge, GA

Brasstown Ranger District: North Georgia News, published weekly (Wednesday) in Blairsville, GA

Tallulah Ranger District: Clayton Tribune, published weekly (Thursday) in Clayton, GA

Chattooga Ranger District: Northeast Georgian, published twice weekly (Tuesday & Friday) in Cornelia, GA

Chieftain & Toccoa Record, published twice weekly (Tuesday & Friday) in Toccoa, GA

White County News Telegraph: published weekly (Thursday) in Cleveland, GA

The Dahlonega Nuggett, published weekly (Thursday) in Dahlonega, GA

Cohutta Ranger District: Chatsworth Times, published weekly (Wednesday) in Chatsworth, GA

Oconee Ranger District: Monticello News, published weekly (Thursday) in Monticello, GA

Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee
Forest Supervisor Decisions

Knoxville News Sentinel: published daily in Knoxville, TN (covering McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties)

Johnson City Press.: published daily in Johnson City, TN (covering Carter, Cocke, Green, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties)

District Ranger Decisions

Ocoee-Hiwassee Ranger District: Polk County News, published weekly (Wednesday) in Benton, TN

Tellico-Hiwassee Ranger District: Monroe County Advocate, published weekly (Thursday) in Sweetwater, TN

Nolichucky-Unaka Ranger District: Johnson City Press, published daily in Johnson City, TN

Watauga Ranger District: Johnson City Press, published daily in Johnson City, TN.

Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Lexington Herald-Leader, published daily in Lexington, KY

District Ranger Decisions

Morehead Ranger District: Morehead News, published bi-weekly (Tuesday and Friday) in Morehead, KY

Stanton Ranger District: The Clay City Times, published weekly (Thursday) in Stanton, KY

London Ranger District: The Sentinel-Echo, published tri-weekly (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) in London, KY

Somerset Ranger District: Commonwealth-Journal, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Somerset, KY

Stearns Ranger District: McCreary County Record, published weekly (Tuesday) in Whitley City, KY

Redbird Ranger District: Manchester Enterprise, published weekly (Thursday) in Manchester, KY

National Forests in Florida, Florida

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Tallahassee Democrat, published daily in Tallahassee, FL

District Ranger Decisions

Apalachicola Ranger District: The Liberty Journal, published weekly (Wednesday) in Bristol, FL

Lake George Ranger District: The Ocala Star Banner, published daily in Ocala, FL

Osceola Ranger District: The Lake City Reporter, published daily (Monday–Saturday) in Lake City, FL

Seminole Ranger District: The Daily Commercial, published daily in Leesburg, FL

Wakulla Ranger District: The Tallahassee Democrat, published daily in Tallahassee, FL

Francis Marion & Sumter National Forest, South Carolina

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The State, published daily in Columbia, SC.

District Ranger Decisions

Enoree Ranger District: Newberry Observer, published tri-weekly (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) Newberry, SC.

Andrew Pickens Ranger District: The Daily Journal, published daily in Seneca, SC.

Long Cane Ranger District: The Augusta Chronicle, published daily in Augusta, GA.

Wambaw Ranger District: Post and Courier, published daily in Charleston, SC.

Witherbee Ranger District: Post and Courier, published daily in Charleston, SC.

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Virginia

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Roanoke Times, published daily in Roanoke, VA

District Ranger Decisions

Lee Ranger District: Shenandoah Valley Herald, published weekly (Wednesday) in Woodstock, VA

Warm Springs Ranger District: The Recorder, published weekly (Thursday) in Monterey, VA

Pedlar Ranger District: Roanoke Times, published daily in Roanoke, VA
James River Ranger District: Virginian Review, published daily (except Sunday) in Covington, VA

Deerfield Ranger District: Daily News Leader, published daily in Staunton, VA

Dry River Ranger District: Daily News Record, published daily (except Sunday) in Harrisonburg, VA

Blacksburg Ranger District: Roanoke Times, published daily in Roanoke, VA
Monroe Watchman, published weekly (Thursday) in Union, WV (only for those decisions in West VA—notice will be published in the *Roanoke Time and Monroe Watchman*.)

Glenwood Ranger District: Roanoke Times, published daily in Roanoke, VA

New Castle Ranger District: Roanoke Times, published daily in Roanoke, VA
Mount Rogers National Recreation Area: Bristol Herald Courier, published daily in Bristol, VA

Clinch Ranger District: Kingsport-Times News, published daily in Kingsport, TN

Wythe Ranger District: Southwest Virginia Enterprise, published bi-weekly (Wednesday and Saturday) in Wytheville, VA

Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Town Talk published daily in Alexandria, LA

District Ranger Decisions

Caney Ranger District: Minden Press Herald, published daily in Minden, LA
Homer Guardian Journal, published weekly (Wednesday) in Homer, LA

Catahoula Ranger District: The Town Talk, published daily in Alexandria, LA
Calcasieu Ranger District: The Town Talk, published daily in Alexandria, LA

Kisatchie Ranger District: Natchitoches Times, published daily (Tuesday–Friday and on Sunday) in Natchitoches, LA

Winn Ranger District: Winn Parish Enterprise published weekly (Wednesday) in Winnfield, LA

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Kentucky and Tennessee

The Paducah Sun published daily in Paducah, KY

National Forests in Mississippi, Mississippi

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Clarion-Ledger published daily in Jackson, MS

District Ranger Decisions

Bienville Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS
Chickasawhay Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS

Delta Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS
De Soto Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS

Holly Springs Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS
Homochitto Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS

Tombigbee Ranger District: Clarion-Ledger, published daily in Jackson, MS

National Forests in North Carolina, North Carolina

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Asheville Citizen-Times, published daily in Asheville, NC

District Ranger Decisions

Appalachian Ranger District: The Asheville Citizen-Times published daily in Asheville, NC

Cheoah Ranger District: Graham Star, published weekly (Thursday) in Robbinsville, NC

Croatan Ranger District: The Sun Journal, published weekly (Sunday through Friday) in New Bern, NC

Grandfather Ranger District: McDowell News, published daily in Marion, NC

Highlands Ranger District: The Highlander, published weekly (mid May-mid Nov Tues & Fri; mid Nov-mid May Tues only) in Highlands, NC

Pisgah Ranger District: The Asheville Citizen-Times published daily in Asheville, NC

Tusquitee Ranger District: Cherokee Scout, published weekly (Wednesday) in Murphy, NC

Uwharrie Ranger District: Montgomery Herald, published weekly (Wednesday) in Troy, NC

Wayah Ranger District: The Franklin Press, published by-weekly (Wednesday and Friday) in Franklin, NC

Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas, Oklahoma*Forest Supervisor Decisions*

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

District Ranger Decisions

Caddo Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock AR

Cold Springs Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Fourche Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Jessieville Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Mena Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Oden Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Poteau Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Winona Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Womble Ranger District: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Choctaw Ranger District: Tulsa World, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Kiamichi Ranger District: Tulsa World, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Tiak Ranger District: Tulsa World, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Ozark-St. Francis National Forest: Arkansas*Forest Supervisor Decisions*

The Courier, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

District Ranger Decisions

Sylamore Ranger District: Stone County Leader, published weekly (Tuesday) in Mountain View, AR

Buffalo Ranger District: Newton County Times, published weekly in Jasper, AR

Bayou Ranger District: The Courier, published daily (Tuesday through Sunday) in Russellville, AR

Pleasant Hill Ranger District: Johnson County Graphic, published weekly (Wednesday) in Clarksville, AR

Boston Mountain Ranger District: Southwest Times Record, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Magazine Ranger District: Southwest Times Record, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

St. Francis Ranger District: The Daily World, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Helena, AR

National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Texas*Forest Supervisor Decisions*

The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

District Ranger Decisions

Angelina National Forest: The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Davy Crockett National Forest: The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sabine National Forest: The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sam Houston National Forest: The Courier, published daily in Conroe, TX

Caddo & LBJ National Grasslands: Denton Record-Chronicle, published daily in Denton, TX

Dated: May 12, 2000.

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Deputy Regional Forester for Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Booger Placer Claim, Suction Dredging Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County, Idaho**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the environmental effects of dredging on the Booger placer claim on Little Elk Creek. The claimant has proposed using one eight-inch suction dredge to remove possible gold deposits from the gravel and at bedrock in the stream channel of Little Elk Creek. The operation is proposed for five years, to operate when water and weather conditions allow. The Booger placer claim is located in Section 33, T30N, R8E, BPM.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before June 19, 2000, to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions on the proposed action or requests for a map of the proposed action or to be placed on the project mailing list to Kevin Martin, District Ranger, Red River Ranger District, P.O. Box 416, Elk City, Idaho 83525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Ellis, District Geologist, Red River Ranger District, P.O. Box 416, Elk City, Idaho 83525, phone (208) 842-2245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is proposed pursuant to the 1872 Mining Law, the Organic Administration Act of 1897 and Forest Service mining regulations, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 228, Subpart A. The United States mining laws at 30 U.S.C. 21-54 Confer a statutory right to enter upon the public land to search for and remove certain minerals. The Forest Service has the responsibility to make sure that the activities are conducted so as to minimize adverse environmental impacts to National Forest System lands, 36 CFR, Part 228, Subpart A.

The proposal involves processing streambed gravel to bedrock over the entire 4,020 foot length of the claim. Deeps of the gravel are between three and six feet deep. The stream channel, between high water marks, varies from six to ten feet in width. This work would take place over five years of more whenever water and weather conditions allow operations.