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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lassen National Forest; California; Lakes Forest Recovery Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: This notice cancels the Notice of Intent to analyze the Lakes Forest Recovery Project on the Lassen National Forest, published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 240, 77848–77849). The Lakes Forest Recovery Project was cancelled because the area in which the project was to be implemented has been incorporated into another project known as the Treatment Unit-1 Project.

ADDRESSES: Almanor District Ranger, Lassen National Forest, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA, 96020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominic Cesmat, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, telephone (530) 258–2141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Lakes Forest Recovery Project was published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 240, 77848–77849). The Lakes Forest Recovery Project was designed to reduce wildland fire hazard, promote forest health and provide economic benefits as described within the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act of October 21, 1998. From the date of that filing, the Lassen National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan has been amended by the signing of the Record of Decision (January 12, 2001) by the Regional Forester for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (SNFPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Record of Decision made changes to the way Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group projects are implemented.

Amongst changes to the Lassen National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan, the Record of Decision for the SNFPA called for an administrative study to examine the relationship between management-caused changes in vegetation and their effects on California spotted owl habitat and spotted owl population dynamics. One of the proposed administrative study areas, known as Treatment Unit-1, includes a large portion of the Lakes Forest Recovery Project area. Based on the changes to the Land and Resource Management Plan, the planning effort on the Lakes Forest Recovery Project was stopped, and a new planning effort has begun on the Treatment Unit-1 Project.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

Edward C. Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on January 17, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., in the Siuslaw River Room, at Siuslaw National Forest Headquarters, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR. Agenda items will include: Grand Ronde Stewardship; 2001 in Review; Focus on the Coming Year (theme, projects, topics); and Round Robin Information Sharing. A fifteen-minute public comment period is scheduled at 1:45 p.m. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time. The meeting should end around 3:00 p.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be on your own in Corvallis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541/750–7075 or write to Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Gloria D. Brown,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on January 21, 2002, in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meeting is organizational and will serve as an orientation to RAC committee members regarding the Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 21, 2002 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Miners Inn and Convention Center, 122 E. Miner Street, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Perry, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California, 96097, (530) 841–4468; e-mail hperry@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roles and Responsibilities for Advisory Committees; (2) Rules, Operational Guides and Conflict of Interests; (3) Project Submittal Process; (4) Project Timelines (5) Public Proposal Workshop (6) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: December 13, 2001.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on January 25, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., in the Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Station, 2625 Highway 101 N., Florence, OR. Agenda items will include: Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Overview; Roles and Responsibilities for Advisory Committees; Rules/Operational Guides/Bylaws; "The RAC Guidebook;" How to Stay Connected/Meaning of Communication; Flow of Work (Future Agendas & Meeting Dates); Project Process & Contracting; Election of RAC Chairperson; and Public Forum (at approximately 3:20 p.m.). The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Stanley, Community Development Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541/750-7210 or write to Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Gloria D. Brown,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

EQIP for GPAs, New Mexico

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a 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 Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, in New Mexico, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for: Dry Cropland in Parts of Curry, Quay, and Roosevelt Counties, Santa Clara Pueblo Irrigated Lands in Rio Arriba County. Irrigated Cropland in Curry and Roosevelt Counties, Socorro County Irrigated Valley and Rio Cebolla in Rio Arriba County.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosendo Trevino III, State

Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 6200 Jefferson, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734; Telephone (505)761-4400.

Copies of these environmental assessments are available from NRCS in Albuquerque, NM and are also available electronically on the NRCS New Mexico Internet Homepage at: <http://www.nm.nrfcs.usda.gov/techserv/ea.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessments of these federally assisted action indicates that the projects will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Trevino III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for these project. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Trevino III.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

Rosendo Trevino III,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Description of System To Rank and Approve Requests for Assistance for Rehabilitation of Aging Watershed Dams

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14 (f) of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Pub. L. 83-566), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1012); The Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that a system to rank and approve requests for rehabilitation of watershed dams has been prepared for use in implementation of a rehabilitation program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry W. Caldwell, National Policy Coordinator for Aging Watershed Infrastructure, Natural Resources

Conservation Service, 100 USDA Suite 206, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074-2655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 83-566 was amended by Section 313 of Public Law 106-472. One provision of this amendment directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a system of ranking and approving requests for rehabilitation of watershed dams. A description of the system that will be implemented in FY 2002 to establish a priority ranking of all applications for assistance received in a state has been developed. Copies of the description of this ranking and approval system are available upon request at the above address.

Roger L. Bensey,

Director, Watersheds and Wetlands Division.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of special public business meeting in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (Council) gives notice of a special public meeting of the Council. On Friday, January 11, 2002, the Council will hold a Business Meeting from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) during which time the Council members will discuss the various options for restructuring intercity rail passenger service.

During the last Council meeting on December 14, 2001, the Council discussed nine options for restructuring Amtrak. The Council then instructed the Council staff to reduce those options to three, and the Council will discuss those three options at the next Council meeting on January 11, 2002. The Council will determine, either at the January 11th Meeting, in a later meeting, or by a mail ballot, which option or options to adopt. The final recommendation will be submitted to Congress on February 7, 2002.

The Amtrak Reform Council on November 9, 2001 approved a resolution finding that Amtrak would not achieve operational self-sufficiency by December 2, 2002 as required by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997. The Council's finding started a 90-day clock in which the Council must submit an action plan for a restructured and rationalized national intercity rail passenger system to Congress.