

reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519 553 [1978]). Also, environmental objection that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement state but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts (*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 [9th Cir. 1986] and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 [E.D. Wis. 1980]).

Because of the above rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments are made available to the Forest Service at a time when they can be meaningfully considered and responded to in the final environmental impact statement. Comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages, sections, or chapters of the draft 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 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. After the comment period ends on the draft EIS, the comments received will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in September, 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the environmental impact statement, and applicable laws, regulations and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215.

The responsible official is Dan Chisholm, Forest Supervisor, Modoc National Forest, 800 W. 12th St., Alturas CA, 96101.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Dan Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on January 16, 2002 at the Crook County Library, Broughton Room, 200 E. 2nd Street in Prineville, Oregon. A business meeting will begin at 9:00 am and finish at 3:00 pm. Agenda items will include a discussion on the management implications of the Eastside Screens, Litigation Update, ICBEMP update, PAC Recommendations Regarding The Northwest Forest Plan Successes/ Failures, Info Sharing and a Public Forum from 2:30 pm till 3:00 pm. All Deschutes Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mollie Chaudet, Province Liaison, USDA, Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 N.E. 3rd., Bend, OR 97701, Phone (541) 416-6872.

Leslie A.C. Weldon,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Counties Payments Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Counties Payments Committee has scheduled a business meeting on January 19-20, 2002, to discuss how it will provide Congress with the information specified in Section 320 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 19-20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pontchartrain Hotel, 2031 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, (202) 208-6574; or via e-mail at rphillips01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 320 of the 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-291) created the Forest Counties Payments Committee to make recommendations to Congress on a long-term solution for making Federal payments to eligible States and counties in which Federal lands are situated. The Committee will consider the impact on eligible States and counties of revenues from the historic multiple use of Federal lands; evaluate the economic, environmental, and social benefits which accrue to counties containing Federal lands; evaluate the expenditures by counties on activities occurring on Federal lands which are Federal responsibilities; and monitor payments and implementation of Pub. L. 106-393, The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Elizabeth Estill,

Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee, Hamilton, MT. Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Bitterroot National Forest's Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, January 22, 2001 in Hamilton Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting in January 22 begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 138 Bitterroot Plaza Drive, Hamilton, Montana. Agenda topics will include FACA overview, Charter overview, Process of project identification/ recommendation, election of Chairperson, operating guidelines, and establishment of future meeting schedule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeanne Higgins, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Rodd Richardson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Requested Withdrawal From Mineral Location and Mineral Entry, Public Meeting and Extended Comment Period

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has submitted a request to the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw lands under the general mining laws as authorized by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The Forest Service has scheduled a meeting to accept public testimony and identify issues regarding this requested withdrawal from mineral location and mineral entry on lands in the San Bernardino National Forest. Written comments are invited, and the comment period has been extended.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 20, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Written comments must be received no later than February 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the San Bernardino Hilton, 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92408. Written comments on this proposal may be sent to Brent Handley, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Director, Lands and Minerals Management, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, California 94592-1110; or electronically to seliason@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Eliason, San Bernardino National Forest, 909-866-3437, extension 3904, seliason@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management published a notice of this Forest Service requested withdrawal in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2001 (FR Vol. 66, No. 209, 54536). In this Forest Service notice, we announce the details of the public meeting and extend the comment period.

Overview

Approximately 44,575 acres on the San Bernardino National Forest are requested to be withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, from mineral location and mineral entry under the general mining laws of the United

States. The authority to make such a withdrawal is delegated to the Secretary of the Interior under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and other statutes. The process by which such withdrawals are made, and the provisions for other agencies (including the Forest Service) to request such withdrawals from the Secretary of the Interior, are provided under 43 CFR 2300.

Purpose

The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to conserve the habitat of species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, as directed under section 7(a) of this act. The issues raised during the public meeting, and also from written comments, will be used by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in finalizing the configuration and extent of the final withdrawal request to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. The issues raised will also be used by the Forest Service to analyze and document the effects and impacts of the action, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Agenda

The meeting will begin with a welcome by Forest Supervisor Gene Zimmerman, followed by a brief overview by staff of the requested withdrawal, the regulatory process, and implications to the public. A hearing coordinator will review the process of public testimony. Testimony will then be heard and recorded into the public record. Finally, staff will provide closing remarks.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

Gene Zimmerman,

San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Shipper's Export Declaration Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as mandated by Public Law 106-113, Title XII, "Security Assistance," Subtitle E, "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999" and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), invites the

general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jerome Greenwell, Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3125, Federal Office Building No. 3, Washington, DC 20233-0001, 301-457-2238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract:

The Shipper's Export Declaration (SED), Form 7525-V and the electronic equivalent, the Automated Export System (AES) are the basis for the official export trade statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) used for determining the balance of trade, a principal economic indicator. Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9, Sections 301-307 authorizes the collection of these data. Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30 contains the regulatory provisions for preparing and filing the SED or the AES record. These data are essential in formulating basic government policy decisions affecting the economy. The U.S. businesses rely heavily on these data to develop export leads, export marketing strategies and assessing the impact of exports on the domestic economy.

The SED/AES records are also used for export control purposes under Title 50, United States Code. The SED/AES records, as official documents or export transactions, enable the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) and the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) to enforce the Customs and Export Administration Regulations and thereby detect and prevent the export of high technology items or military goods to unauthorized destinations or end users. The Department of State (State Department) uses the SED/AES information to enforce the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Title 22, CFR 120-130, to detect and prevent the export of arms and ammunition to unauthorized destinations.