

within the Weiser River canyon). (11) Rip about 70 acres of skid trails and 55 acres of log landings following timber sale activities. (12) Monitor to ensure accomplishment of project objectives and validate assumptions. If timber sale generated funds are available, the following additional activities would be implemented: (a) fence about 625 acres of regeneration treatments on slopes less than 35 percent to exclude cattle grazing following reforestation, (b) rip about 80 acres of existing skid trails and 65 acres of existing log landings, and (c) implement additional watershed restoration by using gully plugs, channel rerouting, vegetation planting, and adding large woody debris and fish habitat structures to streams.

The Forest Service will identify issues the analysis should address. The following resource areas will likely need to be analyzed in the EIS: (1) Water Quality—The proposal may increase erosion and sedimentation within the analysis area, impair beneficial uses of water, and affect a 303(d) listed stream (Weiser River). (2) Fisheries Resource—The proposal may adversely affect aquatic habitats for native fishes. (3) Forest Vegetation—Some timbered stands in the project area are susceptible to insects and disease, and by fire. Timber stand structure, species composition, and density have moved away from historic conditions. The proposal will alter vegetation structure, composition, and density. (4) Fire and Fuels—Risk of fire to private lands, homes, powerlines, and Highway 95 is concentrated in the Weiser River Canyon. (5) Wildlife Resource—The proposal may affect abundance, distribution, and structure of terrestrial species (endangered and threatened, Payette National Forest sensitive, and management indicator species) and the continued capability of the watershed to support viable populations. (6) Roads and Access Management—The level of road reconstruction and decommissioning needed to improve aquatic and terrestrial species may affect some Forest users' ability to access the area by motorized vehicle. (7) Economics/Socio-Economics—The proposal has potential to influence income and jobs.

A range of reasonable alternatives will be considered. The no-action alternative will serve as a baseline for comparison of alternatives. The proposed action will be considered along with additional alternatives developed that meet the purpose and need and address significant issues identified during scoping. Alternatives may have different amounts, locations, and types of project activities.

Comments received in response to this notice, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the project record and available for public review.

A public meeting is anticipated to occur following issuance of the draft EIS. The public meeting will be announced in the Payette National Forest's newspaper of record, the Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies; Tribal governments; organizations; and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in the preparation of the draft EIS.

Comments will be appreciated throughout the analysis process. The draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is anticipated to be available for public review by Fall 2002. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days. It is important that those interested in the management of the Payette National Forest participate at that time.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp., v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (9th Cir. 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc., v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues raised by the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the

statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

After the 45-day comment period ends on the draft EIS, the Forest Service will analyze comments received and address them in the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be released in spring 2003. In the final EIS, the Forest Service will respond to substantive comments received during the 45-day comment period. The Responsible Official (Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest) will document the Gaylord North Timber Sale EIS decision and rationale in a Record of Decision (ROD). The decision will be subject to review under Forest Service appeal regulations 36 CFR part 215.

Dated: April 16, 2002.

**Robert S. Giles,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Lahaina Watershed, Maui County, HI

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA, NRCS) gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for a proposed flood prevention project in the Lahaina Watershed, Maui County, Hawaii.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 4118, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96850, telephone: (808) 541-2600 ext. 100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This federally-assisted action was supported by an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact published in July 1992. No implementation actions were taken at that time due to funding constraints. Recent reevaluation of the project finds

a changed project setting and indicates that the project may cause significant impacts to the environment. As a result, Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is needed for this project.

The project will be implemented under authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Pub. L. 83-566), as amended, for the purpose of flood prevention. Sponsoring local organizations (SLO) are the County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management and the West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District.

Alternatives under consideration include a floodwater diversion channel that starts south of Lahaina Road and extends to Kauaula Stream. The proposed project also includes the construction of an inlet basin, three (3) sediment basins, a debris basin at Kauaula Stream leading to an outlet at Puamana channel and a second outlet to the south with an additional sediment basin. Other alternatives to meet the objectives of the flood prevention project will be formulated and evaluated.

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. All written and verbal comments received in response to this Notice of Intent will be considered in determination of the scope of the environmental impact statement. The SLOs will be issuing an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) pursuant to Hawaii Revised Status (HRS) Chapter 343 and have already begun a public participation process in the affected community, including public meetings and compilation of a list of interested organizations and agencies. This Notice of Intent will be mailed, along with background information on the Lahaina Watershed, to organizations and agencies on the SLO mailing list. The Notice of Intent will also be published in a local newspaper and in the Office of Environmental Quality Control's *Environmental Notice*. To the extent practicable, NEPA and HRS 343 requirements will be coordinated in the preparation of the EIS document. Due to earlier public scoping meetings held during the federal EA process and ongoing efforts by the SLOs to keep the

public informed of this project, a public meeting for the expressed purpose to determine the scope of the evaluation of the project will not be held.

Please provide comments to Kenneth M. Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, at the above address or telephone.

(This activity is listed in the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials.)

Dated: April 12, 2002.

**Kenneth M. Kaneshiro,**

*State Conservationist.*

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

##### Background

On November 6, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. *See Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 56057 (Nov. 6, 2001).

In response to the Department's invitation to comment on the preliminary results of this review, Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd. (Heveafil) and Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd. (Filati) submitted comments on December 6, 2001, regarding certain clerical errors in the preliminary results. On December 19, 2001, we postponed the final results of this review until no later than May 6, 2002, in order to allow us to conduct foreign verifications for Filati, Heveafil, and Rubberflex, and U.S. verifications for Heveafil and Rubberflex. (The U.S. verification for Filati was conducted prior to the preliminary results.) *See Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia; Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 65471 (Dec. 19, 2001).

In January, February, and March 2002, we conducted verifications of the sales and cost data submitted by Filati, Heveafil, and Rubberflex. After verification, we gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results and verification findings, but we did not receive case briefs from any party to this proceeding. The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

##### Scope of Review

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. Extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

**[A-557-805]**

#### Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** On November 6, 2001, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia (66 FR 56057). This review covers three manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd., and Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd.). The period of review is October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000.

Based on our findings at verification and the identification of certain clerical errors, we have made changes in the margin calculations. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 22, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irina Itkin or Elizabeth Eastwood, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3874, respectively.