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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Molecular Staging, Inc. of New Haven, Connecticut, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 6,054,300, "Single-Site Amplification (SSA): Method for Accelerated Development of Nucleic Acid Markers," issued on April 25, 2000. Notice of Availability of this invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Molecular Staging, Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient

application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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### Forest Service

#### Garver EIS; Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to improve forest health and wildlife habitat, reduce urban interface fuels, and make access management changes to improve grizzly bear habitat. The project is located on the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, approximately 30 air miles northeast of Troy, Montana.

**SCOPING COMMENT DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by June 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Mohar, Team Leader, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1436 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935. Phone: (406) 295-4693.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project area is approximately 43,096 acres and is located in portions of T36N, R32W; T36N; R31W; T37N; R32W; and T37N, R31W, PMM, Lincoln County, Montana. The project area encompasses the West Fork Yaak River, Pete Creek, Lap Creek, Waper Creek, and Mud Creek, as well as several small drainages that are tributary to the Yaak River. The West Fork Yaak Inventoried Roadless

Area is located along the north and western border of this project area.

The purpose and need for this project is to: (1) Improve and Maintain Forest Health; (2) Improve and Maintain Winter Range Conditions; (3) Improve and Maintain Old Growth Characteristics; (4) Reduce Fuels In The Wildlife Urban Interface; (5) Improve Growing Conditions and Long-Term Management Options for Overstocked Sapling Pole Stands; (6) Improve Quality and Quantity of Grizzly Bear Habitat; and (7) Contribute Forest Products to the Economy.

To meet the purpose and need, this project proposes treatments to manage for vegetative conditions that are most suitable to a fire-dependent ecosystem, and in the long term to encourage more resilient and sustainable forest conditions. Intermediate harvest treatments are proposed where forest conditions are generally healthy but some undesirable trends have been noted. Regeneration harvest methods would be implemented in areas with high levels of insect and disease, uniform mature lodgepole pine stands, and/or where restoration of species at risk are identified. This treatment may also be used in site-specific areas where small forage openings would be created for the benefit of big game species. Precommercial thinning is proposed for overstocked sapling/pole stands.

Mechanical treatments and/or burning would be used in other areas to reduce fuels, including urban interface areas, and to improve big game habitat. Burning is proposed for the Dusty Peak area within the West Fork Yaak Inventoried Roadless Area and in designated old growth.

Access management changes are proposed with this project to improve grizzly bear security and habitat conditions. Best Management Practices, including activities such as outsloping, waterbarring, and culvert replacement would be applied to haul roads being used for this project.

### Range of Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities will be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and location for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal's purposes, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values.

### Public Involvement and Scoping

The public is encouraged to take part in the process and to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the