aspen and aspen/mixed conifer types that could be silviculturally treated to provide a more diverse ecosystem. Drainages within the project area include Dry and Oak Creek. The Oak Creek Inventories Roadless Area is within and adjacent to the project area. Approximately 125 acres of the proposed treatments are within the Oak Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.

Forest development road (FDR) 50138 provides access through the area and to a parcel of state owned land. The proposed treatment units are adjacent to this road. This proposal has been developed through consultation with Forest Service specialists, and other individuals and agencies with interest in the resources of the area.

Purpose and Need for Action

Purpose #1—Move towards restoration of the ecological structure, function, processes, and composition of the aspen component of the landscape.

Need: Eighty-three percent of the aspen/mixed conifer stands (463 acres) in the Oak Creek Ridge Project Area are in a mid-aged to mature condition, the other 75 acres is in a young structural stage. Conifers are encroaching in these aspen stands and crowding the shade-intolerant aspen. Fire exclusion and lack of any alternate regeneration treatment over the past 100 years has caused the decline of these stands and changed the distribution of the structural stages. Converting the mature aspen/mixed conifer stands to a seedling/sapling structure will move the project area closer to the desired future condition discussed in the NFMA (National Forest Management Act) analysis.

Proposed Action

1. Harvest approximately 1 MMBF of aspen/mixed conifer on approximately 125 acres. Burning of slash concentrations and fencing will follow treatment.

2. Chainsaw fell conifers on approximately 75 acres of existing young aspen stands.

3. Reconstruction (culvert replacement) of approximately 2.5 miles FDR (Forest Development Road) 138.

Possible Alternatives

No additional alternatives other than ''No Action'' have been identified at this time.

Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, Elaine Zieroth is the responsible official for this project. The Forest Supervisor's office of the Manti-La Sal National Forest is located at 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501, phone: 435–637–2817.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor of the Manti-LaSal must decide whether to conduct vegetation management activities now or to defer management until a later time.

If she decides to apply vegetation management activities now, she must decide the following specific management activities:

- Which acres to treat
- What, if any, acres to treat with harvest
- What, if any, acres to treat with conifer removal
- What mitigation and/or monitoring measures to implement to meet Forest standards and minimize resource damage
- Whether to close roads not needed for resource management.

Scoping Process

Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process. Two specific time periods are identified for the receipt of formal comments on the analysis. The two comment periods are: (1) During the scoping process, the next 30 days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and (2) During the formal review period of the Draft EIS. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Preliminary Issues

Possible impacts to the Oak Creek Inventoried roadless Area if the project is implemented as stated in the proposed action.

Comment Request

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements 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 environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the August 10, 2002 comment period so that 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages 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 the 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.

(**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

Dated: June 21, 2002.

Elaine J. Zieroth,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Juncrock Timber Sale, Mt. Hood National Forest, Wasco County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve forest health on approximately 550 acres of land, using commercial thinning and individual tree selection treatments, and to reconstruct approximately 1.5 miles, and close approximately 22 miles of roads within the planning area. The proposed action will be in compliance with the 1990 Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) as amended by the Northwest Forest Plan, which establishes the overall goals and guidelines for management of this area. The proposed action is within the White River watershed on the Barlow Ranger District. It is scheduled for implementation in fiscal years 2003 and 2004. The Mt. Hood National Forest invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision-making process so interested and affected people may be able to participate and contribute in the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be postmarked by July 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning the proposed action in this area to Becky Nelson, NEPA Coordinator, 780 N.E. Court Street, Dufur, Oregon (phone: 541–467–2291). Comments may also be sent by FAX (541–467–2271). Include your name and mailing address with your comments so documents pertaining to this project may be mailed to you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Becky Nelson (address and phone number listed above), or to Mike Redmond, Environmental Coordination, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon 97055–7248 (phone: 503–668–1776).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would promote forest health by removing trees that are dead, or affected by insects, disease, overstocking, or defects on approximately 550 acres. This treatment would help reach the goal of creating multi-storied, disease resistant, stands in this area.

Existing roads would be extended approximately 0.5 miles where access is needed. A total of 4 roads would be reconstructed for approximately 1 mile. Approximately 9 miles of wildlife closures would occur on 18 roads. Two segments of roads would be decommissioned for about 1 mile. Approximately 12 miles of roads not needed for future management would be closed.

The planning area is located approximately 38 miles south of Hood River, Oregon in portions of Sections 1, 12, & 13, of T.5 S., R.9 E., and portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, & 18, of T.5 S., R. 10 E., Willamette Meridian, Wasco County, Oregon. The planning area does not include any wilderness, RARE II inventoried roadless, or other unroaded areas. It is outside the White River Wild and Scenic River corridor as identified in the ''White River Wild and Scenic River Plan.'' The planning area is immediately adjacent to the White River late successional reserve (LSR). The planning area is identified as a Tier 2 Key Watershed in the Northwest Forest Plan. The Juncrock Timber Sale is included in the C–1, Timber Emphasis allocation, and the B–2, Scenic Viewshed allocation, of the Forest Plan.

Two preliminary issues have been identified; the impacts from removing mature and over-mature trees, and the impacts from extending existing roads. This analysis will evaluate a range of alternatives for implementation of the project activities including a no-action alternative.

Since the summer issue of 1998, the Juncrock Planning Area has been identified in ''Sprouts'', the Mt. Hood National Forest quarterly publication that lists upcoming proposed projects. There have been two field trips with interested public groups. Future scoping will include continued inclusion in ''Sprouts'', and continued identification and clarification of issues, identification of key issues to be analyzed in depth, and identification of potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EIS 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 are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 these court 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 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 and concerns on 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 at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The draft EIS is planned to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in August 2002. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and members of the public for their review and comment. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the NOA appears in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from other agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. Your comments are appreciated throughout the analysis process.

Comments received in response to this proposed action, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 214 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requestor of the agency's decision

regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be resubmitted with or without names and address within thirty days.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available by December 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The responsible official is Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. The responsible official will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. The Juncrock Planning Area decision and rationale will be documented in a Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: June 20, 2002.

Kathryn J. Silverman,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on July 15, 2002, in Yreka, California. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss the following topics: Approval of previous Meeting Minutes; second round of project proposals; outcome of the proponent assistance workshop held July 12th; County Supervisors' response to RAC presentation; CEQA/NEPA compliance requirements; merchantable materials sales; review of rating criteria and design for project evaluation; and a presentation on the noxious weed issue.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 15, 2002, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Liberty, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Gibson, Klamath National Forest USDA, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California, 96097, (530) 841–4412; E-MAIL *ngibson@fs.fed.us*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 20, 2002.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92–463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, July 15, 2002. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the Forest Service Headquarters office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, California 93643. The purpose of the meeting will be a field review of proposed projects in North Fork.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 15, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Forest Service Headquarters, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643, (559) 877–2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: *dmartin05@fs.fed.us.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) a field review of current proposed resource project proposal, (2) public comments. 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: June 21, 2002.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

ACTION: To give all interested parties an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD MAY 17, 2002–JUNE 19, 2002

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
MJM International, Inc	2003 North I Road, San Juan, TX 78589	05/28/02	Medical furniture of PVC pipes and fabric.
Compton Wood Products, Inc	901Holley Drive, Martinsville, VA 24112 ..	05/28/02	Furniture frames, moldings, panel doors, drawer slides, tables, etc. of wood.
Unico Foods, Inc	13006 Darrington Road, El Paso, Texas 79928.	05/28/02	Chorizo.
Inland Tool & Manufacturing Co	630 South 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66105.	05/28/02	Industrial tooling and die fabrication.
Austro Mold, Inc	3 Rutter Street, Rochester, NY 14606	05/28/02	Injection or compression type molds for rubber or plastic for the manufacture of semiconductor devices.
Co-planar, Inc	100 Round Hill Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866.	06/30/02	Metal lead frames, auto connectors and contacts and electric razor metal parts.
Catskill Craftsmen, Inc	15 West End Avenue, Stamford, NY 12167.	06/12/02	Kitchen workstations of wood.