

Comment Requested

This notice of intent continues the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. On May 21, 2001, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 98, pgs 27934–27936) soliciting public involvement in the development of issues necessary to complete an analysis of the environmental impacts of reducing roads in the Duck Creek-Swains area of the Cedar City Ranger District on the Dixie National Forest. We solicited comments on that notice for 45 days and received 184 comments. We will consider all the comments that we received in response to our May 21, 2001 notice during the preparation of the EIS that is the subject of this notice. Therefore, if you submitted comments in response to the March 2001 notice, you do not need to resubmit those comments in order for the information provided in them to be considered during the development of the EIS.

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 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 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: May 23, 2002.

Mary Wagner,

Forest Service, Dixie National Forest.

[FR Doc. 02–16709 Filed 7–2–02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410–11–M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on July 17 and 18, 2002, in Humboldt County, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan.

DATES: A business meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 17, 2002, at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Six Rivers National Forest, in Eureka, CA. A field tour of the Headwaters Forest Reserve will be held on July 18, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The July 17 business meeting will be held at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Drive, Eureka, CA. The July 18 field tour will begin at the Bureau of Land Management office, 1695 Heindon Rd., in Arcata, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (530) 934–3316; e-mail pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Presentation on Salmon Recovery Plan; (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (3) Bureau of Land Management presentation on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Headwaters Forest Reserve; (4) Update on planning for a Province fire ecology fuels treatment workshop; (5) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee report; (6) Presentation on working with county Fire Safe Councils; (7) Northwest Forest Plan Implementation Monitoring scheduling; (8) Options for vegetation management; and (9) 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: June 16, 2002.

James Fenwood,

Forest Supervisor.

[FR Doc. 02–16731 Filed 7–2–02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410–11–M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council**

AGENCY: Forest Service USDA Forest Service

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meeting will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Monday, July 15, 2002. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center located on 400 West Virginia Street in Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104–208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA,

and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. Tentative agenda items include information sharing on the following topics:

- Discussion of the decision and rationale for the Opal Creek SRA Management Plan Environmental Analysis;
- Discussion on future transition of the Council membership in accordance with provisions of the Council Charter;
- Discussion of future topics and a tentative schedule for the Council meetings;
- A direct public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the July 15 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: June 27, 2002.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,
Acting Forest Supervisor.

Disclaimer: This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgency of presenting the Management Plan decision and completing the appeal processes in order to allow the State of Oregon to move ahead with preparing an Economic Development Plan and grant requests as provided in paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of Public Law 104-208. This late notice is authorized under 41 CFR 1016.1015(b)(2).

[FR Doc. 02-16699 Filed 7-2-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alpine County, CA, Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on July 15, 2002, in Markleeville, California. The purpose of the meeting

is to discuss issues relating to implementing the *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000* (Payments to States) and the expenditure of Title II funds benefiting National Forest System lands on the Humboldt-Toiyabe, and Stanislaus National Forests in Alpine County.

DATES: The meeting will be held at the Turtle Rock County Park, Markleeville, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Williams, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Homboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 1536 S Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701, (775) 884-8150, e-mail: ljwilliams@fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Old business; (2) Project Criteria Discussion; (3) Camping in Alpine County; (4) Project Proposals; (5) New business & 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: June 26, 2002.

Gary Schiff,
Carson District Ranger.

[FR Doc. 02-16670 Filed 7-2-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 062702G]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Coastal Resource Management Customer Survey.

Form Number(s): None.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0308.
Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 788.
Number of Respondents: 1,575.
Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This survey will be used by the NOAA Coastal Services Center to obtain information from its customers about their natural resource management issues, their information needs, and their technological capabilities to make quality improvements to our products and

services. The respondents will be from the coastal natural resource management community.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MCclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 26, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-16714 Filed 7-2-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-08-S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 062702G]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Activity Submissions.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0309.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 695.

Number of Respondents: 135.

Average Hours Per Response: 6 hours for a Scientific Research Plan; 1 hour for an exempted fishing permit request; 2 hours for an exempted fishing permit report; and 30 minutes for an exempted educational activity request or report.

Needs and Uses: Fishery regulations do not generally affect scientific research activities conducted by a scientific research vessel. Persons planning to conduct such research are encouraged to submit a research plan to