

alternatives to the proposed action include an alternative that does not require the construction of additional temporary or permanent roads, other than temporary re-opening of existing roads, and that does not consider salvage removal from RHCAs. Another alternative would emphasize removal (or other fuels treatment options) of dead timber in the size classes most likely to reburn. Currently available science on snag and coarse woody debris dependent species habitat will be a factor in alternative development and could result in a proposal of a site-specific Forest Plan amendment to update standards and guidelines for these species. Consideration of various regeneration strategies including planting at relatively low stocking levels could also be a factor that differentiates alternatives.

### Scoping Process

Public participation will be sought at several points during the analysis, including listing of this project in the Fall 2002 and subsequent issues of the Fremont-Winema National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Activities; letters to agencies, organizations, and individuals who have previously indicated their interest in such activities; and a legal notice in the *Klamath Herald and News*. Public meetings may be scheduled during the fall/winter of 2002–2003. The scoping process will include: Identifying potential issues, identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth, eliminating non-significant issues or those previously covered by a relevant environmental analysis, considering additional alternatives based on themes which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities, and identifying potential environmental effects of this proposed action and alternatives (*i.e.*, direct, indirect and cumulative effects and connected actions).

### Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues include: Snag and downed wood habitat; big game thermal cover; disturbance of cultural resources; potential noxious weed expansion; effects of proposed activities on soils exposed by the fire; effects of proposed activities on the recovery of water quality and resident fisheries resource; ability of proposed activities to contribute to restoration of historic vegetation composition, structures, and patterns; potential loss of commercial timber value; and economic viability of timber salvage.

Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to assist in

properly scoping issues, determining how to best manage the resources, and fully analyzing environmental effects. Comments received to this notice, 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 215 and 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 FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester 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 requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

### Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

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 draft EIS is expected in June 2003 and the final EIS is expected in October 2003.

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 EIS.

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.

The Forest Service is the lead agency. The Responsible Official is the Forest Supervisor, Fremont National Forest, 1301 South "G" Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630–9701. The Responsible Official will decide which, if any, of the proposed projects will be implemented. The Responsible Official may also decide on site-specific Forest Plan amendments regarding standards and guidelines for snag and coarse woody debris, as well as big game habitat, if warranted by the analysis of those components in light of recent science.

The Responsible Official will document the Toolbox Fire Recovery Project decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: October 21, 2002.

**Charles R. Graham,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List services to be

furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List products and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Additions**

On August 30, 2002, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (67 FR 55776) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services of the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are added to the Procurement List:

**Services**

**Service Type/Location:** Janitorial/Custodial, EPA, Standard Chlorine Site, Delaware City, New Castle, Delaware.

**NPA:** The Chimes, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.

**Contract Activity:** Environmental Protection Agency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Service Type/Location:** Janitorial/Custodial, Stewart Newburgh USARC, New Windsor, New York.

**NPA:** Occupations, Inc., Middletown, New York.

**Contract Activity:** 77th Regional Support Command, Fort Totten, New York.

**Deletions**

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and service the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and service proposed for deletion to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the committee has determined that the products and service listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following products and service are deleted from the Procurement List:

**Products**

**Product/NSN:** Pocket Planning Set—2000.

7510-01-450-5423.

**Product/NSN:** Pocket Planning Set—2001

7510-01-450-5428.

**Product/NSN:** Pocket Planning Set—2002

7510-01-450-5435.

**Product/NSN:** Organizer, Day Planner, Travel Size

7530-00-D16-0057.

**Product/NSN:** 2000 Tabbed Monthly—3 hole

7510-01-463-0798.

**Product/NSN:** 2000 Tabbed Monthly—7 hole

7510-01-463-0799.

**Product/NSN:** Daymax Tabbed Monthly—7 hole

7510-01-463-0801.

**Product/NSN:** Daymax Tabbed Monthly—3 hole

7510-01-463-0803.

**Product/NSN:** Executive/Personal Time Management System—LE Black

7530-01-458-3130.

**NPA:** The Easter Seal Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

**Contract Activity:** Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, New York.

**Service**

**Service Type/Location:** Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Federal Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**NPA:** Tasks Unlimited, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Contract Activity:** GSA, Public Buildings Service.

**Sheryl D. Kennerly,**

*Director, Information Management.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Proposed Additions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments must be received on or before:* December 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.