

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 final EIS is scheduled to be available by February 2004. 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 Ochoco National Forest Supervisor, Larry Timchak. He will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. His decision and rationale for the decision regarding vegetation management & livestock grazing actions will be documented in the Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: February 11, 2003.

Larry Timchak,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Services, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on March 13, 2003, in Lake County, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan while taking a field visit to the proposed Pillsbury Homesite Hazardous Fuels Reduction demonstration project.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 13, 2003, convening at the Upper Lake Ranger District Office in Upper Lake, CA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the field, convening at the Upper Lake Ranger District office, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (530) 934-1137; EMAIL pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Field visit to the proposed Pillsbury Homesite Hazardous Fuels Reduction/Healthy Forests Initiative/Model Environmental Analysis demonstration project; (2) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (3) Presentation on current major Forest Service issues; (4) Update on planning for a Province fire ecology/fuels treatment workshop; (5) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee report; (6) Work on the Ground Subcommittee discussion of proposed timber harvest issue; (7) Update on Northwest Forest Plan socio-economic monitoring; and (8) 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: February 14, 2003.

James Fenwood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Catron County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Catron County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Reserve New Mexico, on April 1, 2003, from 10 a.m. MST to 4 p.m. MST. The purpose of the meeting is to initiate the resource advisory committee process, earn the roles and the responsibilities of the committee, discuss elements of Pub. L. 106-393 (the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act), and formulate operating guidelines including the next meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Catron County Courtroom of the Catron County Court House, 101 Main Street, Reserve, New Mexico, 87830. Send written comments to Michael Gardner, Catron County Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico, 88061-7863,

or electronically to mgardner01@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Gardner, Rural Community Assistant Staff, Gila National Forest, (505)388-8212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Pub. L. 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee Staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 25, 2003, will have the opportunity to address the Committee at this session.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Delbert J. Griego,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Kootenai National Forests' Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on March 3, April 7, and May 5, 2003 at 6:30 p.m., in Libby, Montana for business meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: March 3, April 7, and May 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 1101 U.S. Highway 2 West, Libby, MT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Edgmon, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 293-6211, or email bedgmon@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics include informational presentations, status of approved projects, accepting project proposals for consideration and receiving public comment. If the meeting date or location is changed, notice will be posted in the