

Methods of Analysis and Sampling

This section should include, either specifically or by reference, all methods of analysis and sampling considered necessary and should be prepared in accordance with the guidance given in the Codex Procedural Manual. If two or more methods have been proved to be equivalent by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, these could be regarded as alternatives and included in this section either specifically or by reference. The following statement should also appear:

“The methods of analysis and sampling described hereunder are to be endorsed [have been endorsed] by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling.”

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, Grasslands, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after June 1, 2003. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the *Federal Register*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Appeals and Litigation Group Leader; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3696.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana: The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana);

Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

Dakota Prairie National Grasslands—

Bismarck Tribune (North and South Dakota)

Flathead—Daily Inter Lake

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle

Helena—Independent Record

Idaho Panhandle—Spokesman Review

Kootenai—Daily Inter Lake

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune

Lolo—Missoulian

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but time frames/deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area; Land and Resources Management Plan; Trigg and Lyon Counties, KY, Stewart County, TN

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in conjunction with development of a Land and Resources Management Plan (hereafter, “LRMP” or “Area Plan”) for Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area (hereafter “LBL” or “Area”). The Area Plan will be prepared pursuant to requirements of 16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*; the planning process will be initiated under the 1982 version of the Forest Service planning regulations (36 Code of

Federal Regulations 219 *et seq.*, as is provided for at 36 CFR 219.35(b) of the current regulations). The EIS will be prepared pursuant to requirements of 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* and 40 CFR 1500-1508. This notice identifies topics that will help focus our planning effort, displays the estimated dates for filing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), provides information concerning public participation, and provides the names and addresses of the responsible agency official and the individuals who can provide additional information.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received in writing on or before July 21, 2003. The draft environmental impact statement is expected by March, 2004 and the final environmental impact statement is expected by November, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Area Planner, Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Information also will be posted on the LBL Web page at <http://www2.lbl.org/lbl/ADMIN/plan.htm>. Electronic mail should be sent to focuslbl@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Wysock, Area Planner, at (270) 924-2161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background—The Setting: Located in western Kentucky and Tennessee, LBL encompasses 170,000 acres of rolling forested hills abundant with wildlife; more than 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline; 281 miles of trails, campgrounds, interpretive and educational facilities, and numerous lake access areas. Annual visitation to the Area averages around two million people. About 30 million people can reach LBL within 5-6 hours, and one-third of the population of the United States is only a day's drive away. LBL is bounded on the west by Kentucky Lake (an impoundment of the Tennessee River) and on the east by Lake Barkley (an impoundment of the Cumberland River). A canal that constitutes LBL's northern boundary connects the two lakes; the southern boundary is located just north of the community of Dover, Tennessee. President Kennedy established LBL by Executive Order in 1963.

Title V of Public Law 105-277 (commonly known as the “LBL Protection Act of 1998”, enacted October 28, 1998) transferred administrative jurisdiction of LBL from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to the United States Forest Service. The purposes for LBL as set forth in the Act include the following: (a) To protect and