

ecosystems and provide for sustained commodity uses, consistent with Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines.

### Proposed Action

Proposed actions include the following:

- Commercial timber harvest of trees 7 inches or greater in diameter to thin stand densities, lower the potential for large scale MPB infestations and crown fires, to create a mosaic of tree sizes and age classes, and to remove pine encroaching on meadows and hardwoods. These treatments would occur on approximately 14,000 acres.
- Non-commercial removal of trees smaller than 7 inches in diameter to reduce stand densities, eliminate ladder fuels, and improve the health and vigor of remaining trees. These treatments would occur on approximately 4,200 acres, most of which overlap with commercial timber harvest acres.
- Reduce forest fuels that currently exist and those created by harvest and logging activities. This might include logging, chipping, crushing, or piling and burning.
- Construct fuel breaks approximately 200 to 300 feet wide adjacent to private land to provide some measure of protection to private land or structures in the event of a wildfire. These fuel breaks would consist of thinning existing trees of all sizes on approximately 1,400 acres. Some of these acres may overlap with other commercial and non-commercial treatments described above.
- Conduct prescribed burning on approximately 7,000 to 10,000 acres to reduce the continuity and amount of fuels, reduce the potential for large scale crown fires, and restore fire to its natural ecological role. Many of these acres will overlap with the vegetation treatments already described.

### Responsible Official

John C. Twiss, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 N. Highway 16, Custer, SD 57730.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement the proposed action or alternatives at this time.

### Scoping Process

Comments and input regarding the proposal have been received via direct mailing from the public, other groups and agencies during the initial 30-day (plus) public comment period in May 2004. Comments submitted based on this NOI, will be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this notice. Response to the draft EIS will be sought from the interested public beginning in November 2004.

### Comment Requested

This notice of intent provides information that the agency will prepare an environmental impact statement in response to public comment and feedback during the May 2004 scoping period. Comments submitted by individuals and groups during the initial May 2004 scoping period have been incorporated and there is no need to resubmit comments in response to this NOI. Additional comments received will assist the planning team to identify key issues and opportunities used to develop project alternatives and mitigation measures. Comments on the DEIS will be requested during the 45 days comment period following the Notice of Availability to be published in the **Federal Register** in November 2004 (See discussion below).

### 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 for 45 days (beginning around November 1, 2004) from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early state, 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: June 16, 2004.

**Brad Exton,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

### Notice of Tri-County 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 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Deer Lodge, Montana, for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center, 1 Hollenback Road, Deer Lodge, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas K. Reilly, Designated Forest Official (DFO), Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics for this meeting include an orientation on committee responsibilities for new members, electing a chair for the committee, administrative information for members, public comment, and discussion about project proposals, as authorized under Title II of Public Law 106-393. If the

meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the The Montana Standard.

Dated: June 14, 2004.

**Thomas K. Reilly,**

*Designated Federal Official, Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Bayou Des Cannes Watershed, Acadia, Evangeline, and St. Landry Parish, Louisiana**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulation (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Bayou Des Cannes Watershed, Acadia, Evangeline, and St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald W. Gohmert, State

Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7751.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The recommended plan will consist of land treatment measures that are management type and enduring practices. The plan will treat approximately 23,350 acres or about 70 percent of the 33,500 acre problem area. Project measures will be installed under 75 long term contracts and will allow for the installation of 1,184 grade stabilization structures, 42 filter strips, 23 miles of irrigation pipelines and 18,860 acres of irrigation land leveling.

The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Britt Paul, Assistant State

Conservationist/Water Resources/Rural Development, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7756.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO.10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: June 4, 2004.

**Donald W. Gohmert,**

*State Conservationist.*

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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 APRIL 24, 2004-MAY 21, 2004**

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Helac Corporation .....	225 Battersby Avenue, Enumclaw, WA 98022.	4/26/2004	Rotary actuators.
Kansas American Tooling, Inc .....	1101 West First Street, McPherson, KS 67460.	4/26/2004	Custom molds for extrusion machine tools.
Unilens Corporation, USA .....	10431 72nd Street, Largo, FL 33777 .....	4/27/2004	Specialty contact lenses.
Unique Originals, Inc .....	3550 NW 59th Street, Miami, FL 33142	4/27/2004	Specialty and accent furnishings.
F. M. Eagle Tool Company, Inc. ....	8810 Yermoland Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907.	5/4/2004	Plates, sticks, tips and the like for tools, unmounted, of sintered metal carbides.
Shick Tube-Veyor Corporation .....	4346 Clary Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64130.	5/4/2004	Pneumatic conveyor systems.
Silvanus Products, Inc .....	40 Merchants Street, St. Genevieve, MO 63670.	5/4/2004	Loose-leaf binders, binders/registers, and index tags.
Pool Pak Technologies Corporation .....	3491 Industrial Drive, York, PA 17402 ...	5/4/2004	Dehumidification equipment for indoor swimming pools.
Woodland Furniture L.L.C .....	P. O. Box 2007, Idaho Falls, ID 83403 ...	5/4/2004	Kitchen tables.
Gem Manufacturing Co., Inc .....	78 Brookside Road, Waterbury, CT 06704.	5/5/2004	Precision deep drawn eyelets, metal stampings, cans and ferrules.
Avanti Jewelry, Inc .....	140 Comstock Parkway, Cranston, RI 02920.	5/5/2004	Religious jewelry pendants in 14 karat gold, sterling silver and brass.
Magic Novelty Company, Inc .....	308 Dyckman Street, New York, NY 10034.	5/10/2004	Metal findings of base and precious metal for costume jewelry.
RNE Corporation d.b.a. Aunt Weedas Closet.	P. O. Box 808 Madison Heights, VA 24572.	5/10/2004	Health care uniforms for women.
Empire Candle .....	2925 Fairfax Tfwy, Kansas Ciy, KS 66115.	5/11/2004	Candles.