

review in October 2004. At that time, copies of the draft revised EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and members of the public for their review and comment. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft revised EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft revised EIS will be 45 days from the date the NOA appears in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from other agencies, organizations, Indian Tribes, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. Your comments are appreciated throughout the analysis process.

Comments received in response to this proposed action, 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 or 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 the 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 names and addresses within thirty days.

The final revised EIS is scheduled to be available by January 2005. In the final revised EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft revised EIS. The responsible official is Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. The responsible official will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. The Juncrock Timber Sale decision and rationale will be documented in a Record of Decision, and subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Dated: August 9, 2004.

Gary L. Larsen,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, September 13, 2004 at the Depot Conference Room, located in the Amtrak Building of the Train Depot, 210 Railroad Ave., Centralia, Washington, 98531. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review 14 proposals for Title II funding of Forest projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 10:30 a.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5007, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE., 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

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Lynn Burditt,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Maximum Term for Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permits on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed directive; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is proposing changes to direction governing special use permits for outfitting and guiding conducted on National Forest System lands by increasing the maximum term for these authorizations from five to ten years. The proposed directive would provide the potential for greater business continuity for outfitters and guides who furnish services to recreationists on National Forest System lands and would make the Forest Service's policy on the maximum permit term for outfitting and guiding permits consistent with the policy of the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Public comment is invited and will be considered in development of a final directive.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments by postal mail to Forest Service, USDA, Attn: Kenneth Karkula, Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources Staff, (2720), 1400 Independence Ave., Mailstop 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125 or by e-mail to outfitterpermit@fs.fed.us. Comments also may be submitted by following the instructions at the federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulation.gov>. If comments are sent by e-mail or facsimile, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments via postal mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed directive, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and, where possible, reference the specific wording being addressed.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this proposed directive in the Office of the Director, Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources Staff, 4th Floor Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect