

The comment period on the supplement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of supplemental draft EIS 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 Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but are not raised until the completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (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 important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so 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 supplemental draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the supplemental draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the supplemental draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the supplemental draft EIS, as well as applicable laws, regulations and policies considered, in making a decision regarding the proposal. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in December 2004. The Responsible Official is James A. Caplan, Forest Supervisor for the Umpqua National Forest. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale for the decision in the Record of Decision. Comments received, including the

names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: September 1, 2004.

**James A. Caplan,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Fish Creek Watershed Project, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** On June 1, 2001, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fish Creek Watershed Project on the Diamond Lake Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 29763). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation for this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions may be directed to Debbie Anderson, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Umpqua National Forest, Supervisors Office, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, or (541) 957-3466.

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**James A. Caplan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Exodus Timber Sale Project, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** On August 20, 2001, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Exodus Timber Sale Project on the North Umpqua Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 43568). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation for this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions may be directed to Debbie Anderson, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Umpqua National Forest, Supervisors Office, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, or (541) 957-3466.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### **A Public Forum on Weighing Practices and Use of Stored Tare in Weighing Trucks Used for Commercial Purposes**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Announcement of a public forum on weighing practices and the use of stored tare with the weighing of trucks for commercial purposes.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Public Forum on Weighing Practices and the Use of Stored Tare with the Weighing of Trucks for Commercial Purposes will be held September 28, 2004, at the Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. This meeting is open to industry representatives, consumers, scale-owners-users, exporters, importers, retailers, Federal and State agencies, and other interested parties. Meeting registration can be found on the National Institute of Standards, Weights and Measures Web site (<http://www.nist.gov/owm>).

**DATES:** September 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The forum will be held at Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Written correspondence can be directed to the NIST Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600, or via e-mail at [owm@nist.gov](mailto:owm@nist.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Purpose of Forum**

To review State laws and regulations relating to commercial transactions concerning net weight and scale