

pine), in a multistoried arrangement. Existing canopy closures and stem densities are very high and these conditions do not favor the regeneration of shade intolerant species such as larch and ponderosa pine. Historically, wildfires at roughly 15–40 year intervals created conditions in which these low-to-moderate severity burned forests were generally more open but also more spatially diverse at the stand, watershed and landscape scales. In addition, these fires resulted in site preparation for larch and ponderosa pine regeneration, created fire killed patches of wildlife habitat, and also scarred large diameter trees, resulting in long standing snags. Species dependant on large diameter snags, old forests with open understory and a heterogeneous distribution of habitat conditions across the landscape benefit under these conditions. Such species include Flammulated owls, northern goshawks and pileated woodpeckers.

The decision to be made is to what extent, if at all, the Forest Service should conduct timber harvest, prescribed burning, road construction or reconstruction, road reclamation, and road closures in the Lolo Creek drainage, given the above purpose and need. This is a site-specific project decision, not a general management plan nor a programmatic analysis.

Public scoping has been conducted on most elements of this proposal both with this proposal and an earlier version of this proposal.

While quite a number of issues have been identified for environmental effects analysis, the following issues have been found significant enough to guide alternative development and provide focus for the EIS:

(1) Water quality and fisheries habitat effects resulting from timber harvest and road construction and rehabilitation activities;

(2) Wildlife habitat effects resulting from timber harvest and road construction and rehabilitation activities;

(3) Effects of treatments on site productivity, forest health, vegetative condition, and species composition, individually and cumulatively,

(4) Effects of treatment on area scenic values, and

(5) Economic effects on local communities resulting from different intensities of restoration treatments and resulting timber values.

The Lolo Forest Plan provides the overall guidance for management activities in the project area through its Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines, and Management Area direction.

The proposed action could have both beneficial and adverse effects on forest resources. In addition to the proposed action, a range of alternatives will be developed in response to issues identified during scoping. One of these will be the “no-action” alternative, which would not allow vegetation manipulation through harvest or any road decommissioning under this analysis. Other alternatives may examine various combinations of treatment areas. The Forest Service will analyze and document the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the alternatives. In addition, the EIS will include site specific mitigation measures and discussions about their effectiveness.

Public participation is important to the analysis. People may visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. No formal scoping meetings are planned. However, two periods are specifically designated for comments on the analysis:

(1) During this scoping process and

(2) During the draft EIS comment period.

During the scoping process, the Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. A scoping document will be mailed to parties known to be interested in the proposed action. The agency invites written comments and suggestions on this action, particularly in terms of issues and alternatives. Persons who provided comments in the past on this project do not have to resubmit them. Those previously stated concerns will be incorporated into this analysis.

The Forest Service will continue to involve the public and will inform interested and affected parties as to how they may participate and contribute to the final decision. Another formal opportunity for public response will be provided following completion of a draft EIS.

The draft EIS should be available for review in June 2007. The final EIS is scheduled for completion in September of 2007.

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

The Forest Service believes it is important, at this early, 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 it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978)). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but 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 v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)). Because of these court rulings, it is very important 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 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. Reviews 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.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement. My address is Lolo National Forest, Building 24, Fort Missoula, MT 59804.

Dated: January 11, 2007.

Deborah L. R. Austin,

Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has

announced its meeting dates for 2007. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing and during the last 15 minutes of each meeting for spoken comments. Persons wishing to speak are given three minutes to address the Board.

Meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated: January 3 (Previously announced), February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15 (Summer Field Trip—TBA), September 19, October 17, November 21. No meeting in December, January 2, 2007 (Tentative).

ADDRESSES: Meetings will begin at 1 p.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. at the Forest Service Center, 8221 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Agendas: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance in the news media but principally concern implementing phase two of the forest land and resource management plan, travel planning, and key issues related to the Chief of the Forest Service's Four Threats; fire and fuels, off highway vehicle management, open space, and invasive species control. The Board will consider such topics as biomass and Bioenergy, recreation use fees, facility master planning, and an integrated lands programs, among others.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Carroll, Committee Management Officer, or Twila Morris, Executive Assistant, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

Craig Bobzien,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 26, 2007, 9 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda.
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 14, Meeting.
- III. Announcements.
- IV. Adjourn.

Briefing Agenda

No Child Left Behind and Supplemental Educational Services.

- Introductory Remarks by Chairman.
- Speakers' Presentation.
- Questions by Commissioners and Staff Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Manuel Alba, Press and Communications, (202) 376-8582.

Kenneth L. Marcus,

Staff Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 18, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yang Jin Chun or Richard Rimlinger, AD/CVD Operations Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5760 and (202) 482-4477, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

At the request of interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom for the period May 1, 2005, through April 30, 2006. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 71 FR 37892 (July 3, 2006). On October 16, 2006, we rescinded in part the administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom. See *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, et al.: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 71 FR 60688 (October 16, 2006). The preliminary results of the reviews still underway are

currently due no later than January 31, 2007.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of these reviews within the original time limit because of the number of respondents in these reviews, plans to verify certain respondents' information, and the complexity of the issues under analysis, such as further-manufacturing operations in the United States and the "collapsing" of companies. Therefore, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of these reviews by 45 days until March 19, 2007.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: January 11, 2007.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-401-806)

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Sweden

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 18, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Smith, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,