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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Health Information Technology (HIT) Policy Committee Nomination Letters

AGENCY: Government Accountability Office (GAO).

ACTION: Notice on letters of nomination.

SUMMARY: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act) established the HIT Policy Committee to make recommendations on the implementation of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, whose office was also established by the Act. The HIT Policy Committee consists of at least 20 members, 13 of which are to be appointed by the Comptroller General within 45 days of enactment of the Act. For appointments to the HIT Policy Committee that will be made no later than April 3, 2009, I am announcing the following: Letters of nomination and resumes should be submitted by March 6, 2009 to ensure adequate opportunity for review and consideration of nominees prior to appointment of members.

ADDRESSES: GAO: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GAO: Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512-4800. 13101, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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Acting Comptroller General of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Crescent Ranger District; Deschutes National Forest; Oregon; Three Trails Off Highway Vehicle Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposed action to designate an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail system on the Crescent Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. In addition, the proposal would close roads, rehabilitate unneeded trails, and develop staging areas within the 77,000-acre project area. The proposed trail system would be located on National Forest lands between Crescent Lake Junction and the boundary of the Winema National Forest, west of Crescent, Oregon. The legal location is Townships 23-26 south and Ranges 6-9 east, Willamette Meridian. The analysis area contains three distinct areas with a focused trail system that will eventually be interconnected: Two Rivers, Walker Mountain, and Crescent Lake Junction. The alternatives will include the proposed action, no action, and additional alternatives that respond to issues generated through the scoping process. The agency will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so interested and affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by 30 days following the date that this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Joan Kittrell, Team Leader, Crescent Ranger District, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, Oregon 97733, or submit to *comments-pacificnorthwest-deschutes-crescent@fs.fed.us*. Please put "Three Trails OHV Scoping" in the subject line of your e-mail. You will have another opportunity for comment when alternatives have been developed and the Environmental Impact Statement is made available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Kittrell, Team Leader, Crescent Ranger District, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, Oregon 97733, phone (541) 433-3200.

Responsible Official: The responsible official will be John Allen, Deschutes National Forest Supervisor, 1001 SW Emkay Drive, Bend, Oregon 97701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need. The need for this site-specific proposal is basically a result of a much larger process all National Forests are implementing; the Travel Management Rule. In 2005, the Forest Service codified a national rule that prohibits motorized travel off of designated routes. The Deschutes National Forest is currently in the process of developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to display the environmental effects of implementing the Travel Management Rule, which is expected to occur by 2010. Currently, there are no designated OHV trails on the Crescent Ranger District. The Three Trails area is used extensively by off highway enthusiasts, as demonstrated by the many user-created trails. They also utilize other existing roads (closed and open) which may or may not be maintained for high clearance vehicles. Recognizing the effect to the OHV community once the Travel Management Rule is implemented, the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests were proactive in identifying opportunities for a trail system in sustainable locations. Through a working group of motorized and non-motorized participants, three areas were identified that had potential community support for a designated trail system. The Three Trails OHV Project is one of them.

Proposed Action. Basically, the proposal would provide approximately 110-130 miles of interlinking trails in three main areas with associated staging areas. The trail system would vary in skill level and density to match the terrain, design of the staging areas, and to provide an opportunity for beginner through advanced riding experiences. Where redundant access exists, or user-created trails are in undesired locations (such as within riparian resources or desired wildlife habitat), closure and rehabilitation/restoration would be performed on 50 miles. To balance the increase open road/trail density associated with a designated trail system, approximately 65 miles of roads would be closed. A general season of use would be May 1 through October 31.

Comment. Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to