

The existing management direction in the 1988 Forest Plan and the Travel Management Rule provides for a road system that is commensurate with the level of management activities occurring in the Monument, providing appropriate access to the objects of interest for their proper care, protection, and management. Public use, related to recreation, special use authorizations, and private land access, is an important, but secondary need and does not conflict with the proper care, protection, and management of the Objects of Interest. Current management direction requires that the road and trail system be sized and maintained to limit impacts to aquatic and terrestrial habitats. The Proclamation altered a portion of the existing direction by limiting motorized, mechanized vehicles to designated roads. The Monument will emphasize developing access points in coordination with gateway communities and other agencies to provide clear, welcoming entry into the Monument. The monument plan may also focus greater emphasis on providing access to the Objects of Interest, and providing more opportunities for traveling on loop trails or roads.

J. Scientific Study

The Proclamation describes the promise of science as follows: "The rich and varied landscape of the Giant Sequoia National Monument holds a diverse array of scientific and historic resources * * *. The monument provides exemplary opportunities for biologists, geologists, paleontologists, archaeologists, and historians to study these objects * * *. These giant sequoia groves and the surrounding forest provide an excellent opportunity to understand the consequences of different approaches to forest restoration * * *. Outstanding opportunities exist for studying the consequences of different approaches to mitigating these conditions and restoring natural forest resilience * * *. Outstanding opportunities exist for studying forest resilience to large-scale logging and the consequences of different approaches to forest restoration."

Under the 2001 SNFPA, the current direction is to use adaptive management. As stated in the 2001 SNFPA ROD (p.15), "Adaptive management will allow the Forest Service to test new and innovative management techniques as part of formal research projects * * * allow for variances from the standards and guidelines in Appendix A to test hypotheses in a scientifically structured manner. Projects that seek variances

from the standards and guidelines will be permitted if they are part of a formal adaptive management research project or administrative study done in conjunction with the Pacific Southwest Research Station or another recognized scientific research institution * * *. Investment in * * * adaptive management projects will allow us to gain more knowledge and adjust future management techniques based on that knowledge."

The desired condition is to use the right balance between adaptability and accountability, being realistic about the Forest Service's monitoring and re-analysis capabilities. The desired condition is also to use the best available science in data, methodologies, and structure, specifically, to integrate various decision support systems.

The current direction to use adaptive management will be analyzed to determine whether to amend the direction for adaptive management in the Monument. The Monument plan would maintain options by continuing on-going cooperation, and develop additional joint research efforts with the scientific community, and cooperating agencies, to adaptively manage resources to continue to learn and refine approaches.

Possible Alternatives

Other alternatives will be developed based on significant issues identified during the scoping process for the environmental impact statement. All alternatives will need to address the purpose and need as described above, which reflects the 2000 Presidential Proclamation establishing Giant Sequoia National Monument. Alternatives being considered at this time include: (1) No Action, (2) Proposed Action, and other alternatives identified following scoping.

Responsible Official

Tina Terrell, Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, is the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, she will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR part 217).

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to amend the 1988 Sequoia National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as described in the proposed action to manage the Giant Sequoia National Monument, develop an alternative amendment that addresses the purpose and need, and responds to significant

issues; or continue to manage the Giant Sequoia National Monument under the 1988 Forest Plan, as amended by the 2001 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment, and consistent with the Presidential Proclamation.

Scoping Process

The notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Scoping began on this project in January 2008, and this notice extends the scoping period for the new Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan environmental impact statement.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewers concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: March 12, 2009.

Tina J. Terrell,

Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Fee Sites; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Stanislaus National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of new fee sites.

SUMMARY: The Stanislaus National Forest is proposing to charge new fees at five existing campgrounds. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. The fees listed are only proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance and improvement of these recreation sites. New fees are proposed at Pacific Valley (\$10), Union (\$8), Utica (\$8), Lumsden (\$8), and South Fork (\$8) Campgrounds. Improvements have been made at many of these campgrounds, or are planned, including installing new fire rings, picnic tables, accessible trails,

and new toilets. These actions address sanitation and safety concerns, and improve deteriorating resource conditions and recreation experiences. A market analysis has been completed and indicated that the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the local area.

DATES: The proposed new fees may be implemented after August 2009.

ADDRESSES: Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Kermeen, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 209-532-3671 x316

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub.L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once public involvement is complete the proposed new campground fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

Susan Skalski,

Stanislaus National Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 2 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct planning on the Committee's community forum on the "Civil Rights Implications of Alabama's Eminent Domain Policies and Practices."

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (866) 364-7584, conference call access code number 89288526. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons

with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and contact name Farella E. Robinson.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Corrine Sanders of the Central Regional Office and TTY/TDD telephone number, by 4 p.m. on March 31, 2009.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Central Regional Office, 400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, present their comments at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Farella E. Robinson, Director, at fr Robinson@uscrr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.uscrr.gov, or to contact the Central Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, March 13, 2009.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before April 7, 2009. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M.

and 5:00 P.M. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 09-004. Applicant: William S. Middleton VA Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: Hitachi High Technologies Corporation, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to examine human tissues with significant pathological changes and experimentally manipulated animal tissues. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No U.S.-made instruments of same general category. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 13, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-006. Applicant: Bergen County Technical Schools/ Bergen County Academies, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Instrument: Transmission Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to explore nanoscale materials and phenomena. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No comparable instrument manufactured domestically. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 26, 2009.

Dated: March 11, 2009.

Chris Cassel,

Acting Director,

IA Subsidies Enforcement Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Changed Circumstances Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") has received information sufficient to warrant initiation of five changed circumstances reviews of the antidumping duty order on certain frozen warmwater shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam ("Vietnam").

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot Fullerton or Jerry Huang, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: