

396 acres of brush field would be burned and 5,540 acres would be thinned. Thinning would include:

- Thin from below: 3,610 acres,
- Hand thin to 10 inch diameter at breast height (dbh): 92 acres,
- Shaded fuel break: 1,707 acres of thin from below in a shaded fuel break,
- Shaded fuel break—thin to 8 inch dbh: 135 acres within perennial riparian reserves that intersect fuel breaks, but outside of the equipment exclusion zone,
- Plantation pre-commercial thin: 88 acres.

Sub-merchantable fuel would be reduced in all treatment units to desirable levels of between 5 and 10 tons of downed material per acre depending on the Forest Plan land allocation for the area.

Approximately 6.7 miles of new temporary roads would be needed to access units. Approximately 65.6 miles of system roads will require pre-haul maintenance, such as blading. Approximately 13.5 miles of system roads will require more earthwork and sight distance clearing before they can be safely used as haul roads.

Approximately 2.4 miles of unclassified routes, would require brushing and re-shaping for use with this project, and then decommissioned after use. Approximately 21 miles of system road and 7 miles of unclassified routes would be decommissioned after use for this project. Treatments are expected to produce 33 million board feet (mmbf) of potentially merchantable saw timber and 35,092 tons of biomass.

Responsible Official

J. Sharon Heywood, Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need, or take no action.

Scoping Process—Public Comment

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The project will be included in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest's quarterly schedule of proposed actions (SOPA). Information on the proposed action will also be posted on the forest Web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/projects>) and advertised in the Record Searchlight—a local newspaper.

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 to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's 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: October 21, 2009.

Donna F. Harmon,

South Fork Management Unit District Ranger, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Custer County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Custer, South Dakota. The purpose of the meeting is review and selection of project proposals to be funded by the 2009 allocation.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisors Office. Written comments should be sent to Lynn Kolund at 330 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer, South Dakota 57730. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lkolund@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 605-673-5461.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 330 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer, South Dakota. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 605-673-4853 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Kolund, Designated Federal Official, Hell Canyon Ranger District, 605-673-4853.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service

staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring 2009 Project Proposal matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by November 13, 2009 will have the opportunity to address the Council at the November 17, 2009 session.

Dated: October 26, 2009.

Lynn Kolund,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and Examiner Applications

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Pamela P. Wong, Baldrige National Quality Program, Administration Building, Room 615, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020; telephone (301) 975-4504, fax (301) 948-3716, e-mail pamela.wong@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: