

management, non-structural improvements, is included. Allotment Management Plans will become part of a re-issued term grazing permit and contain the livestock grazing and rangeland vegetation management direction identified by the Responsible Official's decision.

Possible Alternatives

To date the Bridger-Teton National Forest has identified two alternatives to the proposed action: (A) No Domestic Livestock Grazing, and (B) Continuation Of Current Livestock Management. Alternative A would eliminate livestock grazing on the project area over the next five years. This alternative will demonstrate the effects of eliminating livestock grazing on the environment and more clearly illustrate the potential effects of implementing any grazing and rangeland vegetation management alternative. Alternative B would continue current grazing management practices including annual adjustments in authorized livestock numbers and season.

Responsible Official

The official responsible for this proposed action is the Kemmerer District Ranger, Kemmerer Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, 308 U.S. Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made, based on this analysis, is if livestock will be allowed to continue to graze on 16 allotments within the project area, and if so, under what management direction. The management direction would be either through implementation of the proposed action or a grazing alternative to the proposed action.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues associated with the proposed action include:

- (1) The amount and diversity of vegetation in some locations is less than the current capability of soils.
- (2) Sediment delivery to drainages supporting fisheries, and retention of precipitation on uplands, as evidenced by headcutting/gullies and sign of active erosion.
- (3) Wildlife values within some aspen stands are minimized by a lack of diverse aspen age classes; in some locations the diversity of herbaceous and shrub species in the understory is also diminished.

Scoping Process

This Notice of Intent continues the scoping process. The first formal

opportunity to respond to the proposed action was during the public scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7) which began with the issuance of the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS published in the **Federal Register** on 11/17/2008 (Volume 73, #222, pages 67835–67836). A scoping letter was mailed to those listed on the Bridger-Teton National Forest's general mailing list on 11/18/2008. The mailing list included private landowners, term grazing permit holders, special interest groups, interested members of the public, and local, State, and Federal agencies. The letter described the proposed action, the environmental analysis, and the scope of the decision to be made. Additionally, the letter solicited public participation in the process, specifically the submission of comments, concerns, and recommendations regarding the management of grazing allotments within the project area. News releases were also made to encourage public comments and input into the project. The scoping process is used to assist the forest in identifying specific issues to be addressed related to the purpose and need and the scope of the decision.

Although a formal comment period is not being reopened for this NOI, comments related to the scope of the analysis will be accepted any time prior to the final decision being made. All previously submitted comments will be used to prepare the Draft EIS. Additional news releases will be prepared to give the public general notice concerning the progress on this project analysis. Ongoing information related to the proposed action and related analysis will be posted on the Bridger-Teton National Forest Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf>. *Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A Draft EIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be for a period of 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.*

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a 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 Power Corp. v. NRD*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft EIS stage but that 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, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that 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 EIS 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 EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers 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. 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.

Date: April 5, 2010.

Tracy Hollingshead,

District Ranger, Kemmerer Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Pinetop, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend funding of project proposals in accordance with Public Law 110-343 (the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act).

DATES: The meeting will be held April 29, 2010 starting at 10 a.m. Should this

meeting be postponed due to inclement weather, the alternate meeting date is May 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Regional Office, 2878 East White Mountain Boulevard, Pinetop, Arizona 85935. Send written comments to Julia Faith Rivera, Coordinator, Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or electronically to jfrivera@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Faith Rivera, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, (928) 333-4301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and opportunity for public input will be provided. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring PL 110-343 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: April 5, 2010.

Chris Knopp,

Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman's Perspective, (5) Project Presentations, (6) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest,

Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1269; e-mail rjero@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by April 19, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 5, 2010.

Eduardo Olmedo,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Central Idaho RAC will meet in Jerome, Idaho. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with the County Commissioners arid Sawtooth National Forest District Rangers operating principles and project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 17, 2010 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office, 319 S 417 E, Hwy 93 Business Park, Jerome, Idaho 83338. Written comments should be sent to Sawtooth National Forest, Attn: Julie Thomas, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to jathomas@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 208-737-3236

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 The Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Office at 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 208-737-3200 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Thomas, Designated Federal Official,

Sawtooth National Forest, 208-737-3200.

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. The following business will be conducted: This Resource Advisory Council meeting will specifically deal with Operating principles and project proposals that the RAC will use to implement the business of the RAC. The agenda for the meeting can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/>. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by May 10, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 1, 2010.

Julie Thomas,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of program funds.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), announces that a minimum of \$25 million in financial assistance will be made available in fiscal year (FY) 2010 for the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) throughout the United States to eligible landowners.

Under WREP, NRCS enters into agreements with eligible partners to help enhance conservation outcomes on wetlands and adjacent lands. WREP targets and leverages resources to carry out high priority wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement activities and improve wildlife habitat through agreements with States (including a political subdivision or agency of a State), nongovernmental organizations, and Indian tribes. This notice is to