

to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. 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 review or judicial review.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. (Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21). Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that the agency withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 7 days.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the proposed action, comments during scoping and 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 EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document. 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.

Responsible Official: Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

Nature of Decision To Be Made: The Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official for this action and will decide whether or not to permit the construction of the proposed electric transmission line across NFS lands, along with the alternative route that will

be followed, as well as mitigation measures and/or monitoring, as appropriate. The decision will be based on the information that is disclosed in the EIS. The responsible official will consider comments, responses, the disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making the decision and will state that rationale in the Record of Decision.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: April 29, 2010.

Forrest Cole,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta Trinity National Forest, South Fork Management Unit, California Salt Timber Harvest and Fuels Hazard Reduction Project

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice revises the previous notice of intent, published on March 26, 2008, Vol. 73, No. 59, pages 15966 through 15968, to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Salt Timber Harvest and Fuels Reduction Project (Salt Project). A supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for the Salt Project to supplement wildlife management indicator assemblage analysis. This notice and supplement pertains only to the wildlife management indicator assemblage analysis for the Salt Project.

DATES: The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected July 2010, there will be a public comment period on the draft and then the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected May 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbie DiMonte Miller, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002; telephone (530) 226-2425, e-mail bdimontemiller@fs.fed.us. 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 Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is proposing to prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Salt Project in accordance with FSH 1909.15, Chapter 10, Section 18.1 and Section 18.2.

J. Sharon Heywood, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor, signed a Record of Decision on October 20, 2009, based on the Salt Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). On December 21, 2009, Denise Boggs filed a notice of appeal on behalf of Conservation Congress, Citizens for Better Forestry, Environmental Protection Information Center and Kiamath Forest Alliance. On February 5, 2010, Appeal Reviewing Officer (ARO) Tern Marceron, Forest Supervisor at Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, recommended that the Forest Supervisor's decision be affirmed on all issues with the exception of wildlife management indicator assemblage analysis. The ARO determined that the Salt Project FEIS did not document the effects of project alternatives on key habitat components consistent with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Appeal Deciding Officer agreed with the ARO's analysis. This notice pertains only to the supplement of management indicator assemblage effects information and analyses.

Purpose and Need for Action

Because the supplement will only address the additional wildlife management indicator assemblage information and analyses, the purpose and need for action remains the same as described in the October 2009 Salt Project FEIS, Chapter 1, pages 3 through 16.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is the same as described in Chapter 1 of the October 2009 Salt Project FEIS (Chapter 1, pages 16 & 17). That document is available on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/stnf. Under Highlights click on Ongoing NEPA projects.

Responsible Official

J. Sharon Heywood, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will review the supplemental information and determine what, if any, modifications should be made to the October 20, 2009, decision. A new decision will be issued.

Scoping Process

Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)). A history of scoping and public involvement to date, starting in 2006, is detailed in Chapter 1 of the October 2009 Salt Project FEIS (Chapter 1, pages 17–18).

Dated: April 28, 2010.

Scott G. Armentrout,

Deputy Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intermountain Region, Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District; Idaho Scrive Creek Integrated Restoration Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Emmett Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the integrated restoration project in the Scrive Creek subwatershed. The 11,500-acre project is located approximately 6 miles north of Crouch, Idaho. The Scrive Creek Integrated Restoration Project proposes to undertake vegetation condition restoration, improve watershed conditions, and utilize wood products resulting from restoration activities to support local and regional communities through a variety of activities including commercial and noncommercial vegetation management and road system modifications and maintenance.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 7, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected February 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected June 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to 1805 Highway 16, Room 5, Emmett, ID 83617. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-intermtn-boise-emmett@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 208-365-7307.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Roseberry, Project Team Leader, 208-365-7000. 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 Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

Three purposes have been identified for the project: (1) Move toward restoration of Forest Plan desired vegetation conditions by manipulating the forest structure, density, and species composition in order to accelerate development of larger tree size class stands and old forest habitat; (2) improve watershed conditions and reduce road-related impacts to wildlife, fish, soil, and water resources; and (3) utilize wood products resulting from restoration treatments to support local and regional economies.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would undertake commercial timber harvest on about 3,265 acres utilizing tractor/off-road jammer (1,124 acres), skyline (926 acres), and helicopter (1,215 acres) logging systems. In addition, all acres treated by commercial timber activities (about 3,265 acres) would be followed by thinning of submerchantable trees. About 839 acres of existing plantations would be thinned from below of small diameter (typically less than 8 inches diameter at breast height (d.b.h.)). Of these acres, approximately 163 acres of these thinning activities would occur within riparian conservation areas (RCAs). About 18 helicopter landing would be used or developed to facility commercial timber harvest activities. Approximately 21.5 million board feet (MMBF) would be provided as sawlogs to local and/or regional processing facilities.

The Proposed Action would construct about 2.4 miles of new specified National Forest System (NFS) roads and 1.0 mile of temporary road. About 4.3 miles of road realignment on NFS road 696 would occur to provide long-term access and eliminate segments of the road within RCA corridors. Approximately 18.5 miles of NFS roads would be decommissioned. Roadway improvements, such as spot surface

aggregate placement and drainage improvements, would be undertaken on NFS roads (in particular RCA roads) where needed. Aquatic organism passage (AOP), *i.e.*, fish passage, would be restored by replacing the existing culverts on NFS roads 693, 693A and 695 with AOP passable structures. Application of up to 300 feet of surface gravel applied to both sides of road/stream crossings when located on perennial streams, for all NFS roads to be used for timber harvest activities (except for NFS roads proposed to be decommissioned).

Possible Alternatives

The only other alternative identified at this time is the "No Action" alternative.

Responsible Official

Boise National Forest Supervisor, Cecilia R. Seesholtz.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Boise National Forest Supervisor will decide the following: (1) Should vegetation restoration activities be carried out within the project area at this time, and if so, which stands should be treated and what silvicultural systems be applied?; (2) what, if any, changes to the NFS road system should be made?; and (3) what design features, mitigation measures, and/or monitoring should be applied to the project? This decision will be made within the scope of the 2003 Boise National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), as anticipated to be amended later in 2010.

Addresses

Project information is available on the Boise National Forest Web site, <http://fs.usda.gov/boise> (click on Scrive Integrated Restoration Project).

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the 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 to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: April 30, 2010.

Cecilia R. Seesholtz,

Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.

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