DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

East Reservoir Project; Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of vegetation management through commercial timber harvest, commercial thinning, precommercial thinning and prescribed fire, trail access management changes, and treatment of fuel adjacent to private property. The project is located in the Cripple Planning Subunit on the Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, and south of Libby, Montana.

DATES: The scoping period will close and comments will be due 45 days following publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Malcolm R. Edwards, District Ranger, Libby Ranger District, 12557 Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923. They can be mailed, hand-delivered between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., or faxed to (406) 283–7531. Electronic comments may also be sent to comments-northern-kootenai-libby@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Beck, Team Leader, Libby Ranger District, 12557 Hwy 37, Libby, MT 59923. Phone: (406) 293–7773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area is approximately 30 air miles northeast of Libby, Montana, within all or portions of T30N, R28W, Sections 1 to 18; T31N, R29W, Sections 1, 2, 10 to 15, 22, 23, 26 to 36; T32N, R27W, Sections 7 to 9, 14 to 23 and 26 to 33; T32N, R28W, Sections 2 to 5 and 8 to 36; and T33N, R29W, Sections 24 to 26, 35 and 36 PMM, Lincoln County, Montana. The East Reservoir project area consists of five major drainages: Fivemile Creek, Warland Creek, Cripple Horse Creek, Canyon Creek and Dunn Creek.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for this project is to: (1) Re-establish, restore and retain landscapes that are more resistant and resilient to disturbance (insect and disease infestations, fire) and uncertain environmental conditions (climate change) by enhancing species diversity and managing density; (2) reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private property and across the landscape while re-introducing fire to the ecosystem; (3) restore, maintain or improve wildlife habitat; (4) improve recreation settings, opportunities and experiences; (5) provide amenities, jobs and products to the communities and maintain an adequate, balanced transportation system.

Proposed Action

To meet this purpose and need this project proposes: (1) Vegetation treatments, including commercial timber harvest and associated fuel treatments, commercial thinning, precommercial thinning and prescribed burning without associated timber harvest. Vegetation treatments total approximately 13,000 acres of treated area. (2) Road management includes new road construction, road storage and adding existing, undetermined roads to the National Forest Service road system. Approximately 2.04 miles of new road construction is proposed. Approximately 40 miles of road storage is proposed. There are 2.81 miles of roads in the project boundary that exist, but their status is undetermined. Those roads will be added to the NFS road system. (3) Access change on approximately 35 miles of trail, from motorized to non-motorized, to benefit wildlife security. (4) Fuels reduction and wildlife habitat enhancement is proposed for approximately 10,000 acres. (5) Design features and mitigations to maintain and protect resource values.

Possible Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the “no action” alternative in which none of the proposed activities will be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal’s purposes, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values.

Responsible Official

Forest Supervisor of the Kootenai National Forest, 31374 U.S. Highway 2 West, Libby, MT 59923. As the Responsible Official, I will decide if the proposed project will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. I have delegated the responsibility for preparing the DEIS and FEIS to Malcolm R. Edwards, District Ranger, Libby Ranger District.

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. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer’s ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: November 5, 2010.

Paul Bradford,
Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

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will meet in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. 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 provide background information on national forest projects and processes to the Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee members and open a period for submittal of public proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 9:45 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center, Training Room, 402 11th Street, SE., Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744.

Written comments should be sent to Chippewa National Forest RAC, 200 Ash Avenue, NW., Cass Lake, MN 56633. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to kgetter@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 218–335–8637.

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 Chippewa National Forest Supervisors Office. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 218–335–8600 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay K. Getting, Public Affairs Team Leader, Chippewa National Forest Supervisors Office, 218–335–8600. 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: Review of previous meeting content, Overview of typical projects of the Chippewa National Forest and Federal process timelines, Decision on when and how to submit project proposals, and a Public Forum. The agenda and any applicable documents may be previewed at the Secure Rural Schools RAC Web site https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf. 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. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by November 19th will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: November 2, 2010.

Robert N. Schmal,
Acting Chippewa National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Humboldt Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Humboldt Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Eureka, California. The committee meeting is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 7, 2010, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Six Rivers National Forest Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Dellinger, Committee Coordinator, at (707) 441–3569; e-mail adellinger@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The agenda includes: Reviewing the status of Title II project submissions, voting process for recommendation of project funding, and public comment period.


Tyrone Kelley,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Notice of Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–393) the Kootenai National Forest’s Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Forest Supervisor’s Office in Libby, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: December 1, 2010.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janette Turk, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 283–7764, or e-mail jturk@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda will include voting to fund projects for 2010. If the meeting date or location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Daily Interlake based in Kalispell, Montana.


Paul Bradford,
Forest Supervisor.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 19, 2010, 11 a.m.


SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

SUMMARY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will be meeting at the time and location listed above. The BBG will be considering protection of BBG journalists, a resolution regarding the Agency’s Ethics Program, a report from the Board’s Governance Committee, a status report from the International Broadcasting Bureau Coordinating Committee, and research presentations by InterMedia and Gallup. The meeting is open to the public—but due to space limitations via Webcast only—and will be streamed live on the BBG’s public Web site at http://www.bbg.gov. The meeting will also be made available on the BBG’s public Web site for on-demand viewing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Paul Kollmer-Dorsey at (202) 203–4545.

Paul Kollmer-Dorsey,
Deputy General Counsel.

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