DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[DOCKET NO. APHIS–2011–0044]

Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This is to inform the public of upcoming meetings in Lansing, MI, Atlanta, GA, Bozeman, MT, and Amarillo, TX, to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to offer their input on a new framework being developed for the bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis programs in the United States. The meetings are being organized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 19, May 24, June 1, and June 6, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (local time) each day. Registration for each meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting on May 19, 2011, will be held at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI. The public meeting on May 24, 2011, will be held at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1 Hartsfield Center Parkway, Atlanta, GA. The public meeting on June 1, 2011, will be held at the Holiday Inn Bozeman Airport, 5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT. The public meeting on June 6, 2011, will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, 1911 I–40 East, Ext. 71 and Ross-Osage, Amarillo, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lee Ann Thomas, Director, Ruminant Health Programs, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734–5256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently developing proposed revisions to its programs regarding bovine tuberculosis (TB) and bovine brucellosis in the United States. In keeping with its commitment to partnering with States, Tribal Nations, and industry in identifying appropriate changes to the two programs, USDA is planning to host four public meetings to discuss potential changes to these programs. The meetings will take place in Lansing, MI, Atlanta, GA, Bozeman, MT, and Amarillo, TX, on May 19, May 24, June 1, and June 6, 2011, respectively (see ADDRESSES).

Topics to be discussed at the meetings are contained in a TB and brucellosis regulatory framework developed jointly by USDA and State and Tribal representatives, and include:

1. Program (State) requirements;
2. Surveillance;
3. Zoning;
4. Affected herd management and epidemiological investigations;
5. Importation of animals;
6. Indemnity;
7. Interstate movement requirements; and
8. Approval of diagnostic tests and laboratories.

The regulatory framework will be available as of May 5, 2011, on the Regulations.gov Web site (see link below) and on the APHIS Web site at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/tb_bruc/meetings.html.

Due to time constraints, public discussion at each meeting will be limited. Written statements on meeting topics may be filed with USDA through June 20, 2011, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. For further information contact: [Docket No. APHIS–2011–0044].

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Forest Service

Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District, Oregon, Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction Project.


The Umatilla National Forest will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to clarify and revise portions of the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction project FEIS analysis.

DATES: There will be no additional scoping period for the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). This is consistent with regulations found at 40 CFR 1509.2 (ii)(4). There will be a 45-day public comment period held when the Draft SEIS is released.

The Draft SEIS is expected in June 2011. The final SEIS is expected in October 2011.

ADDRESSES: This SEIS analysis in being overseen by: Michael Rassbach, District Ranger; Walla Walla Ranger District; 1415 W. Rose; Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimpton Cooper, 509–522–6290 or kmcooper@fs.fed.us.

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Information concerning the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction project FEIS can be found on the Umatilla National Forest Web site at [http://www.fs.fed.us/angepap.html?project=29678].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Purpose and Need for Action

The Purpose and Need for the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction SEIS is the same as identified within the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on pages 1–4 and 1–5. The Forest Service is preparing this Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to clarify and revise sections of the environmental analysis conducted for the original October 2010 Cobbler II FEIS.

Proposed Action

The actions proposed and analyzed in the Cobbler II FEIS will not change in the SEIS. The Umatilla National Forest proposes to supplement the following analysis to that which was originally presented in the Cobbler II Timber Sale and Fuels Reduction FEIS (October 2010).

- Chapter 1
  - Minor editorial changes and additional clarifying information.
- Chapter 2
  - Minor editorial changes and additional clarifying information.
- Chapter 3
  - Clarification of cumulative effects analysis for all resources.
  - Revision of wildlife environmental effects section.
  - Revision of vegetation environmental effects section.
  - Other editorial changes and additional clarifying information.

The supplemental information presented within the SEIS will replace the corresponding information found in the October 2010 Cobbler II FEIS. For example, the revised wildlife environmental effects section of the SEIS will replace the wildlife environmental effects section of the FEIS. All other areas of the analysis that are not identified for supplementation within the SEIS will remain unaltered from its presentation in the FEIS. In this manner the SEIS and FEIS will be companion documents.

Responsible Official

Forest Supervisor for the Umatilla National Forest, Kevin Martin.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decisions to be made include:
1. Whether a Forest Plan amendment should occur at this time?
2. Whether harvest and prescribed landscape fire along with associated activities should occur, and if so, how much and where?
3. Whether other vegetation management activities (hardwood restoration, meadow restoration, and non-commercial thinning) and their associated activities should occur and when they should occur?
4. What monitoring or mitigation measures should be taken or needed?

Opportunity to Comment

This notice is for a supplemental EIS, and therefore no further scoping is necessary (40 CFR 1502.9 (ii)(4)). The public has had several formal opportunities to comment on this project prior to the initiation of this SEIS. The public will be provided a formal opportunity to comment when the Draft SEIS is released in June 2011.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

Dated: April 28, 2011.
Kevin Martin,
Forest Supervisor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Laurie Walters-Clark, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801; (307) 674–2627.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing impaired may call 1–307–674–2604 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mountain time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted:
1. Introductions of all committee members and Forest Service personnel.
2. Finalization and approval of Project Evaluation Criteria, (3) Project reviews, and (4) Public Comment, and (5) Project voting for recommendation. 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.

Dated: April 29, 2011.
William T. Bass,
Forest Supervisor.

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Forest Service

Big Horn County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Big Horn County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Greybull, Wyoming. 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 is to hold the fourth meeting and to vote on project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 2, 2011, and will begin at 10 a.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Big Horn County Weed and Pest Building, 4782 Highway 310, Greybull, Wyoming. Written comments about this meeting should be sent to Laurie Walters-Clark, Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-bighorn@fs.fed.us, with the words Big Horn County RAC in the subject line. Facsimiles may be sent to 307–674–2668.

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 Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 307–674–2600 to facilitate entry into the building.

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Forest Service

Butte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Butte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on May 23, 2011 in Oroville, CA. The purpose of the meeting is: Review Secure Rural Schools legislation, Sec. 204 (f) and discuss the 50% watershed restoration/road maintenance funding goal; discuss developing a process for providing partial funding; discuss requiring a maximum request amount; review and discuss examples of watershed/stream restoration and road maintenance projects along with monitoring projects such as GPS/GIS mapping; review funding Cycle 2 application and instructions and discuss improvements as necessary; review a timeline for Cycle