

uses including the recreation residence tracts of El Monte, Greenhorn Summit, Kern Park, Shirley Meadows, Slick Rock, and Weeping Springs; the Shirley Meadow ski resort; communication facilities at Cooks Peak; and power transmission lines; as well as protecting the forest and wildlife habitat from large-scale, severe wildfire effects. Fuels reduction will provide forest and fuel structure that allows for safe use of managed fire for resource benefit and forest health; and reduce the risks to firefighting personnel and the public. There is a need to restore the forest ecosystem by accelerating development of mature forest conditions including large tree forest structure; by re-introducing a fire regime that can be safely managed; by improving wildlife habitat; shifting tree species composition towards historic fire-and drought-adapted oak and pine dominance while reducing fire- and drought-intolerant fir and cedar; and changing stand structure to restore natural heterogeneity and resilience to disturbance events. Sustained yield of timber and other forest by products remains as part of the multiple-use mission of the Forest Service. However, fuels reduction, ecological restoration and movement toward the desired conditions identified in the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment are the driving influences that will dictate the end result, with an emphasis on “what is left behind” rather than “what is taken.” Timber harvest may be used as a tool to improve efficiency and reduce overall costs while moving the forest toward the desired conditions.

Proposed Action

The proposed action will create defensible space near communities in the WUI defense zones; establish and maintain a pattern of area treatments that can be effective in modifying wild fire behavior in the WUI threat zones; and result in economically efficient treatments to reduce hazardous fuels.

The Summit Project proposes a combination of prescribed fire, hand or mechanical thinning to reduce ladder fuels and the potential for crown fire while increasing forest resilience. Thinning may include commercial timber harvest within the 2,500 acre proposed treatment areas. It is expected that the timber sale volume would be less than 5,000 CCF. The proposed treatment areas include salvage harvest of hazard trees of any size as well as dead and dying trees; commercial harvest, using ground skidding, skyline or helicopter yarding of trees smaller than 30 inches diameter at breast height (dbh); and hand thinning, mastication,

chipping or other fuels treatments. Treatments will vary based on slopes, ground conditions, access and other factors. Prescribed fire would be introduced within the project analysis area to reduce surface fuels and promote natural regeneration. Areas selected for thinning or mastication would favor Jeffrey and sugar pines, oak, and other shade intolerant, fire and drought tolerant species, to restore the historic species composition. Large snags and woody debris would be strategically retained for wildlife habitat. Riparian areas and meadows would be protected. Implementation would begin after completion of the environmental review process, estimated in 2016, and would be completed over a 5–10 year period.

Possible Alternatives

In addition to the proposed action, the EIS will evaluate a no action alternative. An alternative will be developed that applies only non-commercial treatments to achieve the purpose and need. The *Draft Interim Recommendations for the Management of California Spotted Owl Habitat on National Forest System Lands 29 May 2015* will be included and analyzed in an alternative as well. Other alternatives may be identified through the interdisciplinary process and public participation.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Alfred W. Watson, District Ranger, Sequoia National Forest, P.O. Box 9, Kernville, CA 93238.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, an alternative to the proposed action, or take no action with respect to the Summit Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project.

Scoping Process

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the EIS. A public scoping meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 starting at 10 a.m. at Greenhorn Mountains County Park on Old State Road in Alta Sierra. Detailed information on the meeting and proposed action, including maps, are available on the forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45951>. This project is included in the Sequoia National Forest's quarterly schedule of proposed actions (SOPA).

This project will follow the objection procedures as directed by 36 CFR 218 (A) and (B). The objection process provides an opportunity for members of

the public who have commented during opportunities for public participation to have any unresolved concerns receive an independent review by the Forest Service prior to a final decision being made by the responsible official. Only those who provided specific written comments during opportunities for public comment are eligible to file an objection.

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.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record on this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Dated: September 9, 2015.

Alfred W. Watson,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Redding, California. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following Web site: www.fs.usda.gov/main/stnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 16, 2015.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, California.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. 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 USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, California. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lesley Yen, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 530-275-1587 or via email at lyen@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 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review proposals for Secure Rural Schools Title II funding, and
2. Vote on proposals to recommend to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor for approval.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by October 15, 2015, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Lesley Yen, Designated Federal Officer, 14225 Holiday Road, Redding, California 96003; by email to lyen@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530-275-1512.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: September 4, 2015.

David R. Myers,
Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Mississippi Advisory Committee To Vote on Its Advisory Memorandum Regarding Civil Rights Concerns Relating to Distribution of Federal Child Care Subsidies in Mississippi

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Mississippi Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. CDT for the purpose of discussing and voting on an advisory memorandum on the civil rights concerns relating to potential disparities in the distribution of federal child care subsidies in Mississippi on the basis of race or color. The committee previously gathered testimony on this topic on April 29, 2015, and May 13, 2015. The Committee will also discuss and vote on whether to pursue a project on race and prosecutorial discretion in Mississippi.

This meeting is to serve as a rescheduling of the September 8, 2015 meeting of the committee, which was canceled. Members of the public may listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-427-9376, conference ID: 3969602. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-

8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Member of the public are also invited and welcomed to make statements at the end of the conference call. In addition, members of the public may submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by November 9, 2015. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=257> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions—Susan Glisson, Chair

Discussion and Vote on Childcare Subsidy Advisory Memorandum—Mississippi Advisory Committee

Discussion and Vote on Race and Prosecutorial Discretion Concept Paper—Mississippi Advisory Committee

Open Comment

Adjournment

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. CDT.

Public Call Information: Dial: 888-427-9376; Conference ID: 3969602

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Mojnaroski, DFO, at 312-353-8311 or mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.

Dated: September 11, 2015.

David Mussatt, Chief,
Regional Programs Unit.

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