

which might require a forest-plan amendment or administrative change. Specific monitoring questions to inform plan components will be developed during scoping and refined during analysis.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

Throughout the revision process the Rio Grande National Forest is the Lead Agency. The following entities have been formally identified as Cooperating Agencies: Bureau of Land Management, State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources, the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Saguache, Hinsdale, Rio Grande, and Mineral, and the Navajo Nation.

Responsible Official

Dan Dallas, Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest, 1803 W. Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144, 719-852-5941.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

As the forest plan is revised, the responsible official will use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to develop alternatives to the proposed action and decide which alternative best promotes the ecological integrity and sustainability of the Rio Grande National Forest's ecosystems, watersheds, and diverse plant and animal communities. In addition, the responsible official will decide if the plan provides sufficient management guidance to contribute to social and economic sustainability, and to provide people and communities with ecosystem services and multiple uses including a range of social, economic, and ecological benefits for the present and into the future. The responsible official will also determine whether to make new recommendations for Wilderness and other designated areas.

The revised forest plan will provide strategic direction and a framework for decision making during the life of the plan, and will not repeat information already required or described in existing laws, regulations, or guidance. It will not make site-specific project decisions and will not dictate day-to-day administrative activities needed to carry on the Forest Service's internal operations. The authorization of project-level activities will be based on the direction contained in the revised forest plan, but will occur through subsequent project specific decision making, including NEPA analysis. The revised forest plan will provide broad, strategic guidance designed to supplement, not replace, overarching laws and regulations. Though strategic guidance will be provided, no decisions will be

made regarding the management of individual roads or trails, such as those that might be associated with a travel management plan under 36 CFR part 212. Some issues, although important, are beyond the authority or control of a forest plan and will not be addressed during this revision process. For example, the revision process cannot be used to modify inventoried roadless area boundaries established by the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. Written comments received in response to this notice will be analyzed to further develop the proposed revised forest plan and identify potential significant issues. Significant issues will, in turn, form the basis for developing alternatives to the proposed action.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments such that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the EIS. Comments on the proposed action will be most valuable if received within 45 days of the publication of the Legal Notice in the Valley Courier newspaper and should clearly articulate the reviewer's opinions and concerns. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record. 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. See the section below concerning the objection process and the requirements for filing an objection.

The Forest Service continues to receive comments related to the draft evaluation of areas for wilderness character presented to the public in July 2016. The areas analyzed will form the basis for recommendations for future Wilderness designation.

Decision Will Be Subject to Objection

The decision to approve the revised forest plan for the Rio Grande National Forest will be subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR 219 Subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). According to 36 CFR 219.53(a), those who may file an objection are individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to plan revision during the opportunities provided for public comment during the planning process.

Documents Available for Review

The 1996 Forest Plan as amended, Monitoring Reports; Assessments; March 2016 Need for Change; July 2016 Initial Proposal; Proposed Action and supporting documents; and information from previous public meetings are posted on the Rio Grande National Forest's Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande. The material available on this site may be revised or updated at any time as part of the planning process.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1600-1614; 36 CFR part 219 [77 FR 21162-21276].

Dated: September 6, 2016.

Dan Dallas,

Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest.

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UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Advisory Committees Expiration

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: Because the terms of the members of the Montana Advisory Committee are expiring on November 20, 2016, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Montana Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of Montana to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than October 11, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the New Mexico Advisory Committee are expiring on November 20, 2016, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the New Mexico Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of New Mexico to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than October 11, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the Alaska Advisory Committee are expiring on November 20, 2016, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply.

The memberships are exclusively for the Alaska Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of the Alaska to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than October 11, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the Wyoming Advisory Committee are expiring on November 20, 2016, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Wyoming Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of the Wyoming to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than July 14, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the Indiana Advisory Committee are expiring on December 11, 2016, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Indiana Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of the Indiana to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Midwestern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than October 11, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

DATES: Letters of interest for membership on the Montana Advisory Committee should be received no later than October 11, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the New Mexico Advisory Committee should be received no later than October 11, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the Alaska Advisory Committee should be received no later than October 11, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the Wyoming Advisory Committee should be received no later than October 11, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the Indiana Advisory Committee should be received no later than October 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send letters of interest for the Montana Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Byron Rogers Federal Office Building, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294. Letters can also be sent via email to mcrafft@usccr.gov.

Send letters of interest for the New Mexico Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Byron Rogers Federal Office Building, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294. Letters can also be sent via email to mcrafft@usccr.gov.

Send letters of interest for the Alaska Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Western Regional Office, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Letter can also be sent via email to atrevino@usccr.gov.

Send letters of interest for the Wyoming Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Byron Rogers Federal Office Building, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294. Letters can also be sent via email to mcrafft@usccr.gov.

Send letters of interest for the Indiana Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Midwestern Regional Office, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603. Letters can also be sent via email to mwojnarowski@usccr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Mussatt, Chief, Regional Programs Unit, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-8311. Questions can also be directed via email to dmussatt@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Montana, New Mexico, Alaska, Wyoming, and Indiana Advisory Committees are statutorily mandated federal advisory committees of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975a. Under the charter for the advisory committees, the purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) on a broad range of civil rights matters in its respective state that pertain to alleged deprivations of voting rights or discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or the administration of justice. Advisory committees also provide assistance to the Commission in its statutory obligation to serve as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information.

Each advisory committee consists of not more than 19 members, each of whom will serve a four-year term. Members serve as unpaid Special Government Employees who are reimbursed for travel and expenses. To be eligible to be on an advisory committee, applicants must be residents of the respective state or district, and

have demonstrated expertise or interest in civil rights issues.

The Commission is an independent, bipartisan agency established by Congress in 1957 to focus on matters of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Its mandate is to:

- Investigate complaints from citizens that their voting rights are being deprived,
- study and collect information about discrimination or denials of equal protection under the law,
- appraise federal civil rights laws and policies,
- serve as a national clearinghouse on discrimination laws,
- submit reports and findings and recommendations to the President and the Congress, and
- issue public service announcements to discourage discrimination.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed a member of the Montana, New Mexico, Alaska, Wyoming, or Indiana Advisory Committee covered by this notice to send a letter of interest and a resume to the respective address above.

Dated: September 7, 2016.

David Mussatt,
Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 121— Albany, New York, Authorization of Production Activity, Townsend Leather Company, Inc., (Finished Upholstery Grade Leather, Cut Parts and Product Samples), Johnstown, New York

On May 9, 2016, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, grantee of FTZ 121, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Townsend Leather Company, Inc., within Site 7 of FTZ 121, in Johnstown, New York.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (81 FR 30517, May 17, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.