

the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and in cooperation with the agricultural community, to issue guidance on good agricultural practices and good manufacturing practices for fruits and vegetables. FDA will coordinate the effort for DHHS. As part of this effort, FDA plans to publish a draft document for public comment early in 1998, and a final document later next year. To assist with these documents, FDA is particularly interested in information on how to minimize microbial contamination through the control of water, manure, worker sanitation and health, field and facility sanitation, and transportation and handling.

Public input is planned through several avenues, including this public meeting. Both oral and written comments from the public are encouraged. A series of grassroots meetings will also be held throughout the country to discuss the initiative. The dates, locations, and times will be published in an upcoming issue of the **Federal Register**.

Transcripts of the public meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript of the public meeting and all submitted comments will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

**William K. Hubbard,**  
Associate Commissioner for Policy  
Coordination.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Public Scoping Meetings for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit to the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Mendocino County, CA

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice of public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively "the Services"), and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection intend to prepare a joint National Environmental Policy Act document/Environmental Impact Report for: (1) Approval of a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan), and issuance of an incidental take permit to Georgia-Pacific Corporation, pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), and (2) approval of Georgia-Pacific's Sustained Yield Plan by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, including consideration of conservation measures or plans addressing State-listed species. The Plan will cover forest management activities on Georgia-Pacific's properties in Mendocino County, California. Georgia-Pacific intends to request an incidental take permit for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and possibly other Federally-listed species. It is anticipated that Georgia-Pacific may also seek coverage for approximately 40-50 currently unlisted species of concern under specific provisions of the permit, should these species be listed in the future.

#### Public Involvement

This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR sections 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on what alternatives should be considered and what environmental impacts issues should be addressed in preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act document. To satisfy both Federal and State environmental policy act requirements, the above Federal and California agencies are conducting a joint scoping process for the preparation of environmental documents.

**DATES:** In order to expedite the planning process, the above agencies request all scoping comments to this notice be received by December 20, 1997. As an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the scope of the National Environmental Policy Act document, two public scoping meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Town Hall, 363

North Main Street, Fort Bragg, California.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the scope of the National Environmental Policy Act document should be addressed to Mr. Bruce Halstead, Project Leader, Coastal California Fish and Wildlife Office, 1125 16th Street, Room 209, Arcata, California 95521-5582. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411. Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the above office. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Mr. Ken Hoffman at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a forest products company, owns and manages approximately 192,952 acres of commercial forest lands in Mendocino County, California, that will be considered for inclusion in the Plan. Georgia-Pacific's multi-species Plan is anticipated to include the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, American peregrine falcon, coho salmon, and possibly other threatened/endangered species as part of their application for the incidental take permit. In addition, approximately 40-50 unlisted species of concern (anadromous and resident fish, wildlife, and plants) are being considered for inclusion in the Plan and provisions under the permit. The National Environmental Policy Act document will evaluate various forest management alternatives for the planning area.

Once completed, it is expected that Georgia-Pacific Corporation will submit the Plan as part of their incidental take permit application, as required under section 10(a) of the Act. The Services will evaluate the incidental take permit application, and associated Plan, in accordance with section 10(a) of the Act, and its implementing regulations.

Environmental review of the permit application, including the Plan, will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. A No Action/No Project alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Georgia-Pacific will also be preparing a Sustained Yield Plan pursuant to the provisions under Article 6.75 of the

California Forest Practice Rules, including consideration of conservation measures or plans addressing State-listed species under the California Endangered Species Act. It is expected that a section 2090 or 2081 agreement will be issued by the California Department of Fish and Game under state Fish and Game code for selected State-listed species that potentially occur on Georgia-Pacific's California timberlands.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

**Thomas Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Harney County, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action, sale of public land.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Harney County, Oregon, has been examined and found suitable for sale under Section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than the appraised market value. All of the land described is within the Willamette Meridian.

OR-52782—T.25S., R.30E., sec. 28, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 80 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$4,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Charles C. Jr., and Drenda A. Leathers, Charles C. Leathers Estate and Douglas H. and Delores L. Stills will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

OR-52783—T.25S., R.30E., sec. 32, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 120 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$8,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The

adjacent landowner Charles C. Leathers Estate will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

OR-52784—T.25S., R.30E., sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 40 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$2,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by competitive procedures. The highest valid sealed bid received from the general public shall be declared the purchaser. Bids shall meet the same requirements and timeframes as specified below for modified competitive bids.

Sale of this parcel would be subject to a road right-of-way in conjunction with the Harney County road system.

OR-52785—T.26S., R.30E., North of Harney Lake, sec. 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 40 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$2,000.

The sale of this parcel will be modified by competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Charles C. Jr., and Drenda A. Leathers, Pacific Land and Livestock, c/o Charles C. Leathers Estate and Anna Lou Case will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

The sale of this parcel would be subject to a right-of-way for buried telephone cable purposes granted to Telephone Utilities of Eastern Oregon, Inc., dba PTI Communications.

OR-52786—T.26S., R.30E., North of Harney Lake, sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 120 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$8,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Robert A. and Collen M. Rea, Pacific Land and Livestock, c/o Charles C. Leathers Estate and Stoko and Bremer Schaumburg, along with the holder of the BLM grazing permit J.V. Moon and Sons, will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

If any person other than J.V. Moon and Sons is the successful bidder for the land, such person agrees to take the property subject to the current grazing

permit until December 31, 1998, when the permit expires.

The sale of this parcel would be subject to a right-of-way for electric power transmission and distribution purposes granted to Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc.

OR-52787—T.26S., R.30E., North of Harney Lake, sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 40 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$2,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Charles C. Jr., and Drenda A. Leathers and Anna Lou Case will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

The sale of this parcel would be subject to a right-of-way for buried telephone cable purposes granted to Telephone Utilities of Eastern Oregon, Inc., dba PTI Communications.

OR-52788—T.26S., R.30E., North of Harney Lake, sec. 10, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 160 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$10,600.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Charles C. Leathers Estate, Charles C. Jr., and Drenda A. Leathers, Joseph R. and Sharon K. Buermann, Leroy B. Miller and United Land, Carol A. Sack, and Clarence Weitmier, c/o Regina Crutcher will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.

The sale of this parcel would be subject to a right-of-way for buried telephone cable purposes granted to Telephone Utilities of Eastern Oregon, Inc., dba PTI Communications and a right-of-way for electric power transmission and distribution purposes granted to Harney Cooperative, Inc.

OR-52789—T.25S., R.31E., sec. 7, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 40 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value and minimum bid for this parcel has been determined to be \$2,000.

The sale of this parcel will be by modified competitive procedures. The adjacent landowners Terry L. and Donna J. Thomas and Vernon L. Seaman will be given the opportunity to meet or exceed the highest sealed bid received from the general public.