

the Meadow Project Area. In addition, on August 16, 1996 a letter was mailed to approximately 250 individuals comprising the mailing list for the Meadow Project Area requesting written comments. Taking into account the comments received and information gathered during preliminary analysis, it was decided to prepare an EIS for the Meadow Timber Sales and Associated Activities. Comments received prior to this notice will be included in the documentation for the EIS.

This environmental analysis and decision making process will enable additional interested and affected people to participate and contribute to the final decision. The public is encouraged to take part in the process and is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft and final EIS. The scoping process will include:

- Identifying potential issues.
- Identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth.
- Identifying alternatives to the proposed action.
- Considering additional alternatives which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.
- Identifying potential environmental effects of this project and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

Estimated Dates for Filing: While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by August, 1997. At that time, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the Federal Register. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by October, 1997. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the Draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

Reviewers Obligations: The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider and respond to them in the Final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Responsible Official: Edward C. Monnig, District Ranger, Fortine Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, P.O. Box 116, Fortine, Montana, 59918, is the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, I will decide which, if any, of the proposed projects will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations.

Dated: February 4, 1997.
Edward C. Monnig,
District Ranger, Fortine Ranger District.
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Water Rights Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service announces meetings of the Water Rights Task Force established on August 20, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended. The chairman has scheduled the sixth meeting of the Task Force in Denver, Colorado, on March 3, 1997, and the seventh meeting on March 13, 1997, in Portland, Oregon.

DATES: The sixth meeting will be held March 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the seventh meeting will be held March 13th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All times are local.

ADDRESSES: The sixth meeting will be held in the Summit #2 Conference Room of the Denver Airport Fairfield Inn, 6851 Tower Road, Denver, Colorado. The seventh meeting will be held in the Crown Zellerbach Room of the Red Lion Hotel (Jantzen Beach), 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon.

Send written comments to Eleanor Towns, FACA Liaison, Water Rights Task Force, c/o USDA Forest Service, MAIL STOP 1124, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090. Telephone: (202) 205-1248; Fax: (202) 205-1604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Glassner, Watershed & Air Management Staff, Telephone: (202) 205-1172; Fax: (202) 205-1096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Rights Task Force is composed of seven members appointed by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture to study and make recommendations on issues pertaining to water rights. At the forthcoming meetings, the Task Force will work on its assigned responsibilities. All meetings are open to the public. However, time for the public to address the Task Force will be provided only at the Portland meeting on March 13, 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Discussion is limited only to Task Force members and Forest Service personnel. Persons who wish to bring water rights matters to the attention of the Task Force may also file written statements with the Forest Service liaison at the address listed earlier in this notice either before or after each meeting.

Notice of the establishment of the Water Rights Task Force was published in the Federal Register on September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47858). The Task Force terminates either in August of 1997 or upon submission of a final report.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Joan M. Comanor,

Acting Chief.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 2 and 13, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 63820 and 65520) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and service are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Bib Overall, Fleece

8415-00-NSH-0332 (Medium—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0333 (Medium—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0345 (Small—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0346 (Small Long—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0347 (Medium Long—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0348 (Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0349 (Large Long—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0350 (X-Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0351 (Small—100 Wt) 8415-00-NSH-0352 (Small Long—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0353 (Medium Long—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0354 (Large—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0355 (Large Long—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0356 (X-Large—100 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

Jacket, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0334 (Medium—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0357 (Small—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0358 (Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0359 (Large Long—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0360 (X-Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0361 (X-Large Long—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

Shirt, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0330 (Medium—300 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0331 (Medium—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0337 (X-Small—300 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0338 (Small—300 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0339 (Large—300 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0340 (X-Large—300 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0341 (X-Small—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0342 (Small—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0343 (Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0344 (X-Large—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

Trousers, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0335 (Medium—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0336 (Medium—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0362 (Small—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0363 (Large—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0364 (X-Large—100 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0365 (Small—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0366 (Large—200 Wt)
8415-00-NSH-0367 (X-Large—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

Service

Grounds Maintenance for the following locations:

Rockville Post Office, 2 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 1401 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland

Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10901 Darnstown Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish