

action to address issues identified in the scoping and public involvement process.

#### Issues

The preliminary issues that have been identified include the importance of the area for elk calving, the need to improve connectivity of late seral habitat between blocks of Late Successional Reserve and Crater Lake National Park, and the potential impact of the project on roadless values.

#### Public Involvement

Public participation will be important at several points during the EIS preparation. The first point is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7). The Forest Service will be seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, tribes, 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 EIS.

Public scoping will be achieved through mailings, notification in the Klamath Falls Herald & News, and if interest dictates, public meetings will be held within the Klamath Basin.

A range of alternatives will be considered including the No Action alternative. As issues are identified, other potential alternatives will be developed.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

#### Estimated Dates For Draft and Final EIS

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in January 2000. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date EPA's Notice of Availability appears in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 be meaningfully consider them 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 EIS 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 EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. 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.

After the 45 day comment period ends on the draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by April 2000. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). Forest Supervisor, Winema National Forest, is the responsible official and will consider comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the EIS and applicable laws,

regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Dated: August 12, 1999.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Forest Service

##### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on September 28, 1999, at the Granlibakken Conference Center, 725 Granlibakken Road, Tahoe City, CA. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the City of South Lake Tahoe Chamber Office, 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Gee or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2642.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committees. Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Recommendations to the Federal Partners on the Watershed Assessment; (2) Recommendations to the Federal Partners regarding federal budget priorities; (3) discussion of the USDA Forest Supervisor Replacement; (4) Open Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the

meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: August 11, 1999.

**Juan Palma,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and deletions from 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, and to delete commodities and services previously furnished by such agencies. **COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** September 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**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.

### Additions

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

3. 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 services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### *Base Supply Center and Operation of Individual Equipment Element Store*

Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana  
NPA: Louisiana Association for the Blind, Shreveport, Louisiana

#### *Laundry Service*

Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
NPA: Newport County Chapter of Retarded Citizens, Inc., Middletown, Rhode Island

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Gerow USARC, Fort Lee, Virginia  
NPA: Goodwill Services, Inc., Richmond, Virginia

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

New River Valley Memorial USARC, Dublin, Virginia  
NPA: New River Valley Workshop, Inc., Radford, Virginia

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

PFC Cloyse E. Hall USARC, Salem, Virginia  
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Tinker Mountain, Inc., Salem, Virginia

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Various USARCs, Fort Pickett, Virginia  
NPA: Goodwill Services, Inc., Richmond, Virginia

#### *Grounds Maintenance*

Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas  
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas

### Deletions

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.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

3. 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 services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

### Commodities

Ladder, Extension (Wood)  
5440-00-242-1000  
Ladder, Straight (Wood)  
5440-00-242-7151  
Stepladder  
5440-00-531-2589  
Ammonia Inhalant Solution, Aromatic  
6505-00-106-0875  
Brush, Floor Sweeping  
7920-00-292-2363  
7920-00-292-2365  
7920-00-292-2362  
Brush, Scrub  
7920-00-951-8795  
Brush, Wire, Scratch  
7920-00-269-0933  
Brush, Wire, Stainless Steel  
7920-00-958-1157

### Services

Commissary Shelf Stocking and Custodial  
Fort Devens, Massachusetts

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Fort Ritchie, Maryland

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, 301 South Park Avenue, Helena, Montana

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

U.S. Army Reserve Center, Allison Park, Reserve Center #2, Buildings 1 and 5, Allison Park, Pennsylvania

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Federal Center, Buildings 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 608A, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 613A, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621 and 624, Walla Walla, Washington

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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 services to be