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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

White River National Forest, CO; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of the comment period for the Proposed Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the White River National Forest and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The comment period has been extended for the proposed revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and associated documents. The original Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 151 on August 6, 1999 as FR Doc. 99-19922.

DATES: Public comment began on August 6, 1999, and will end February 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to send written comments regarding the proposed revised Forest Plan and Draft EIS to the address below: Forest Supervisor, Forest Plan Revision Comments, White River National Forest, P.O. Box 948, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about this action or requests for the documents listed above should be addressed to: Carolyn Upton, Team Leader, White River National Forest, P.O. Box 948, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, Telephone Number: (970) 945-3226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period was extended to February 9, 2000 to respond to requests from elected officials, organizations and individuals who have requested more time to review and comment upon the documents. The public comment extension will help ensure people have access to the planning documents and

sufficient time to offer informed opinions.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Martha Kettle,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 1999, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with the State superintendent of schools or her representative to speak on the implementation of the South Carolina Education Accountability Act of 1998.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-562-7000 (TDD 404-562-7004). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, October 25, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A partially closed meeting of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will be held November 17, 1999, 9:00 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The PECSEA provides advice on matters pertinent to those portions of the Export Administration Act, as amended, that deal with United States policies of encouraging trade with all countries with which the United States has diplomatic or trading relations and of controlling trade for national security and foreign policy reasons.

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Administration export control initiatives.
4. Task Force reports.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSEA. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSEA members, the PECSEA suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, Bureau of Export Administration, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the

PECSEA to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) was approved October 25, 1999, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

Iain S. Baird,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Workshop on Key Management Using Public Key Cryptography

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces a workshop to examine public key-based management techniques as specified in ANSI X9.42 (Agreement of Symmetric Keys Using Discrete Logarithm Cryptography), ANSI X9.44 (Key Establishment Using Factoring-Based Public Key Cryptography for the Financial Services Industry), and ANSI X9.63 (Public Key Cryptography for the Financial Services Industry: Key Agreement and Key Transport Using Elliptic Curve Cryptography). The purpose of the workshop is to review the many options and techniques contained in these standards and to discuss other related issues.

DATES: The Key Management Standard (KMS) Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 10 and Friday, February 11, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The KMS workshop will be held in the Administration Building (Bldg. 101), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland. For planning purposes, advance registration is encouraged. To register, please fax your name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address, telephone, fax and e-mail address to 301-948-1233 (Attn: KMS Workshop) by January 31, 2000. Registration questions should be

addressed to Vickie Harris on 301-975-2920. Registration will also be available at the door, space permitting. The workshop will be open to the public and is free of charge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Further information may be obtained from the KMS web site at <http://www.nist.gov/kms> or by contacting Morris Dworkin, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930; telephone 301-975-2354; Fax 301-948-1233, or email Morris.Dworkin@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This work effort is being initiated pursuant to NIST's responsibilities under the computer Security Act of 1987, the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, Executive Order 13011, and OMB Circular A-130.

The explosion in the use of electronic media to expedite commerce in recent years has led to the need for well-established schemes that can provide such services as data integrity and confidentiality. Symmetric encryption schemes such as Triple DES, as defined in FIPS 46-3, and the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), which is currently under development, make an attractive choice for the provision of these services. Systems using symmetric techniques are efficient, and their security requirements are well understood. Furthermore, these schemes have been or will be standardized to facilitate interoperability between systems. However, the implementation of such schemes requires the establishment of a shared secret key in advance. As the size of a system or the number of entities using a system explodes, key establishment can lead to a key management problem. An attractive solution to this problem is to employ key establishment techniques that employ public key cryptography.

The Federal Government currently has no standard of keys for unclassified applications using a public key cryptographic methods. A number of techniques have been defined in voluntary consensus industry standards; however, the proliferation of techniques has led to a concern that some techniques may not provide suitable security to meet the needs of the Federal Government and may not promote interoperability between agencies of the government. In anticipation of the development of a standard for key establishment, a **Federal Register** Notice was published by NIST on May 13, 1997, (Vol. 62, No. 92) requesting comments from the public concerning the development of such a standard, and

concerning the availability, security, and adequacy of existing standards for public key-based key agreement and exchange. Comments were received recommending the use of RSA, Diffie-Hellman, MQV and elliptic curves, and several comments recommended the adoption of ANSI X9.42, X9.44 and X9.62.

This workshop will discuss the security and interoperability requirements of the Federal government, the options available in the above referenced voluntary consensus standards to address those needs, and the planned development of a Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) that will address those needs by including the appropriate techniques from the voluntary consensus standards referenced above. As with other FIPS, it is NIST's intention that the proposed standard would be published for public review and comment.

Dated: October 22 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Monday, November 15, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 16, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 17, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 18, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, and final judging of the 1999 applicants. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 15, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and