

Tusquitee Ranger District: *Cherokee Scout*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Murphy, NC

Uwharrie Ranger District: *Montgomery Herald*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Troy, NC

Wayah Ranger District: *The Franklin Press*, published bi-weekly (Wednesday and Friday) in Franklin, NC

Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas, Oklahoma

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, published daily in Little Rock, AR

District Ranger Decisions

Caddo Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Cold Springs Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Fourche Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Jessieville Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Mena Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Oden Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Poteau Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Winona Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Womble Ranger District: *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, published daily in Little Rock, AR

Choctaw Ranger District: *Tulsa World*, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Kiamichi Ranger District: *Tulsa World*, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Tiak Ranger District: *Tulsa World*, published daily in Tulsa, OK

Ozark-St. Francis National Forest: Arkansas

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Courier, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Russellville, AR

District Ranger Decisions

Sylamore Ranger District: *Stone County Leader*, published weekly (Tuesday) in Mountain View, AR

Buffalo Ranger District: *Newton County Times*, published weekly in Jasper, AR

Bayou Ranger District: *The Courier*, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Russellville, AR

Pleasant Hill Ranger District: *Johnson County Graphic*, published weekly (Wednesday) in Clarksville, AR

Boston Mountain Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

Magazine Ranger District: *Southwest Times Record*, published daily in Fort Smith, AR

St. Francis Ranger District: *The Daily World*, published daily (Sunday through Friday) in Helena, AR

National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Texas

Forest Supervisor Decisions

The Lufkin Daily News, published daily in Lufkin, TX

District Ranger Decisions

Angelina National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Davy Crockett National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sabine National Forest: *The Lufkin Daily News*, published daily in Lufkin, TX

Sam Houston National Forest: *The Courier*, published daily in Conroe, TX

Caddo & LBJ National Grasslands: *Denton Record-Chronicle*, published daily in Denton, TX

The Responsible Official under 36 CFR part 215 gave annual notice in the **Federal Register** published on May 17, 1999, of principal newspapers to be utilized for published notices of proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215. The list of newspapers to be used for 215 notice and decision is corrected as follows:

Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee

District Ranger Decisions

Ocoee-Hiwassee Ranger District: Delete:

Daily Post-Athenian, published daily (Monday-Friday) in Athens, TN

Tellico-Hiwassee Ranger District: Delete:

Daily Post-Athenian, published daily (Monday-Friday) in Athens, TN

Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana

Forest Supervisor Decisions

Change:

Alexandria Daily Town Talk to The Town Talk, published daily in Alexandria, LA

District Ranger Decisions

Catahoula Ranger District: Change:

Alexandria Daily Town Talk to The Town Talk, published daily in Alexandria, LA

Calcasieu Ranger District: Change:

Alexandria Daily Town Talk to The Town Talk, published daily in Alexandria, LA

Dated: November 3, 1999.

Eurial E. Turner,

Deputy Regional Forester for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Utah Northern Goshawk Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service is announcing the availability of the predecisional Environmental Assessment for the Utah Northern Goshawk project. Pursuant to the National Forest Management Act (36 CFR 219.19), the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service is proposing to modify or delete current programmatic direction and add new direction in response to new information concerning management of habitat for the northern goshawk and its prey. This action will amend the management direction established in the current land and resource management plans for the Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests. The direction will be in the form of goals, objectives, standards, guidelines, and monitoring requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn Hauser, 801/625-5897; e-mail: goshawks3/r4_uinta@fs.fed.us.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Jack Blackwell, Intermountain Regional Forester, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service filed a notice in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 63, No. 172, pages 47224-47225) on September 4, 1998 stating that the Forest Service, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and the USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), was reviewing the latest Utah state-wide information relating to the sustainability of habitat for the northern goshawk (Northern Goshawk in Utah: Habitat Assessment and Recommendations (Graham et al. 1999) and the USDI, FWS 12-month finding on a petition to list the northern

goshawk (FR, June 29, 1998, Vol. 63, No. 124, pages 35183–35184). This notice stated that the Intermountain Region was proposing to amend regional direction, Regional Guide, and/or Forest Plans to incorporate interim direction in the form of goals and objectives, desired habitat conditions, standards and guidelines, and monitoring requirements developed in response to new scientific information concerning the management of forested habitat for the northern goshawk and its prey in Utah. A notice was filed in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 64, No. 24, pages 5758–5764) on February 5, 1999 stating that the scoping phase of public involvement for the Utah Northern Goshawk Habitat Management Project was beginning. That notice described the proposed management direction (in the form of goals, standards and guidelines, and monitoring requirements) and a desired habitat condition statement giving a portrayal of land conditions expected to result from the implementation of the proposed management direction over time.

This is a programmatic environmental assessment that examines six alternatives which address issues identified through the scoping and public involvement phases of the project. The Environmental Assessment is available electronically on the Project's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/goshawk.

DATES: Written comments should be sent to the Utah Northern Goshawk project by January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: USDA Forest Service, Utah Northern Goshawk Project Team, c/o Uinta NF, P.O. Box 1428, Provo, UT 84601, or online at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/goshawk, or e-mail to: goshawk3/r4_uinta@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Christopher L. Pyron,

Deputy Regional Forester, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Analysis of Beaver Park Project Area; Black Hills National Forest; Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District; Lawrence and Meade Counties, SD

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.10(g), the District Ranger of the Spearfish/

Nemo Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the analysis of the Beaver Park Project Area. The responsible official for this project is John C. Twiss, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the District Ranger, Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, 2014 N. Main, Spearfish, SD 57783.

DATES: This project schedule is as follows: File Draft EIS—December 1999. File Final EIS and Record of Decision signature—February 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Natvig, Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader, 605–642–4622. Additional information, such as maps, scoping summary and list of issues identified through the scoping process can be obtained by written request to the Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District office, or by phone at the above address and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Timber harvest and associated activities within the Beaver Park Project Area (24,415 acres) is proposed by the Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District to address a growing mountain pine beetle epidemic. The 1997 Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), which guides management of the Black Hills National Forest, identifies management goals and objectives relating to insect outbreaks and epidemics. The planning team has identified that there is a need for activities in the Beaver Park Project Area in order to meet these Forest Plan goals and objectives. The purpose and need for the project is to: (1) Reduce mountain pine beetle populations in pine stands; (2) cooperate with other agencies and private entities in efforts to decrease risk of a mountain pine beetle outbreak in the adjacent Sturgis Community Watershed and other private lands; and (3) reduce the susceptibility of vegetation to catastrophic fire and outbreaks of mountain pine beetles.

Proposed activities include commercial timber harvest (both sanitation harvest of beetle infested trees, and commercial thinning harvest), road construction and reconstruction associated with commercial timber harvest, non-commercial treatment of beetle infested trees, pheromone baiting, prescribed burning, and mechanical fuel treatment.

This project area includes Beaver Park, a 5,109 acre inventoried (RARE II) roadless area. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the 1997 Forest Plan did not

recommend wilderness designation for Beaver Park, and placed this area into 4 management emphasis areas. The majority of the area (2,637 acres) is to be managed for Backcountry Non-motorized Recreation (Management Area (MA) 3.32), and is not part of the land base considered suitable for timber harvest. Another 106 acres was placed into the Sturgis Experimental Watershed (MA 5.3B), an area set aside for watershed research, and not part of the suitable land base. The remaining area was placed into the land base considered suitable for timber harvest; 1,795 acres are to be managed for Limited Motorized Use and Forest Production Emphasis (MA 4.1), and 571 acres are to be managed for Big Game Winter Range Emphasis. This proposed action includes timber harvest and new road construction within the roadless area.

Preliminary issues include effects from management activities on the roadless and natural characteristics of the Beaver Park roadless area (especially in MA 3.32), and the result this would have on future wilderness or Research Natural Area status. Issues also include effects of the mountain pine beetle epidemic on the City of Sturgis Community Watershed and Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Watershed, on wildfire risk, visual resources, and the Centennial Trail.

The EIS will analyze a range of alternatives including, (A) No Action; (B) Maximum Beetle Suppression, including timber harvest and road construction within the roadless area; (C) Beetle Suppression with No Roads in MA 3.32; (D) Beetle Suppression Outside the Beaver Park Roadless Area; and (E) Beetle Suppression with only Sanitation/Salvage Harvest in the Beaver Park Roadless Area. Alternatives B through D include road construction and the use of conventional and cable logging systems. Alternative E is similar to D outside the roadless area, but includes helicopter logging within the roadless area. All action alternatives include removal of currently infested trees and thinning of healthy stands to reduce the risk of beetle infestation.

The decision to be made in the Beaver Park Project Area is whether or not to control the existing mountain pine beetle epidemic, and by what strategy, as displayed in the various alternatives. This decision will include whether or not to control the epidemic within the roadless area boundary, and whether or not to allow new road construction within the roadless area. The decision on this project will abide by the terms of any decision issued on appeals of the Revised Forest Plan. The Black Hills