

proposed methods of herbicide application, and the potential effects on project workers, nearby residents and visitors to the project area.

The effects to water quality from the application of herbicides; this includes the effects on riparian vegetation, concentrations of pesticides found in surface waters, potential bioaccumulation of pesticides in aquatic life and the effects of treatments on the potential increase of sediment transport and delivery in streams.

The effects to vegetated communities, including sensitive plants, from the application of herbicides; this includes effects on plants of importance to local tribes and the potential impacts of treatment methods on desired plants species.

The effects on wildlife and fish, as represented by Threatened, Endangered, Sensitive (TES) and other Management Indicator Species (MIS), from the application of herbicides.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

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 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.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: October 25, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wasatch Powderbird Guides Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District, Salt Lake County, UT and Uinta National Forest, Pleasant Grove and Spanish Fork Ranger Districts, Utah County, UT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Salt Lake Ranger District, of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, will prepare an EIS on Wasatch Powderbird Guides request for a 5-year outfitter and guide special use permit for guided helicopter skiing on National Forest System lands.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by December 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Loren Kroenke, District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Scheid, District Environmental Coordinator, (801) 733-2689 or at sscheid@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Wasatch Powderbird Guides, a current Special Use Permit permittee, is proposing to

operate a heli-skiing operation for another five years along the Wasatch Front of the Wasatch-Cache and Uinta National Forests. This proposal includes elements on both private and public lands. Elements include the landing of helicopters to drop off and pick up heli-skiers that are skiing across both private and public lands. A complete description is available from the Salt Lake Ranger District.

Preliminary issues were identified from the 1999 permit renewal EIS and include potential effects on public safety, effects on designated Wilderness areas, effects on wildlife, including golden eagles and threatened, endangered and forest sensitive species, economic effects of Wasatch Powderbird Guides and the local economy, and effects on other winter recreationalists, including noise and competition for untracked powder skiing.

Two preliminary alternatives have been identified. The proposed action alternative is Wasatch Powderbird Guides proposal and includes replacing the existing Sunday/Monday Tri-Canyon closure with 15-day annual average cap in the area and other minor modifications designed to increase operational flexibility and minimize user conflicts. The No Action Alternative would allow continued use as authorized under the 1999 Record of Decision. Other potential alternatives will address issues raised during the public scoping process. Detailed descriptions of the Proposed and No Action Alternatives are available on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Web site at www.fs.fed.us/wcnf.

The public is invited to submit comments or suggestions to the address above. The responsible officials are Tom Tidwell and Pete Karp, Forest Supervisors of the Wasatch-Cache and Uinta National Forests, respectively. A Draft EIS is expected to be filed in May of 2003 and the Final EIS filed in September of 2003.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate during that time. To be most helpful, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (*see* The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that the reviewers of the 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). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final EIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

Dated: October 29, 2002.

Carol Majeske, for Loren M. Kroenke,
Salt Lake District Ranger.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Boise, ID, USDA, Forest Service.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource

Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, November 20, 2002 in Boise, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on November 20, begins at 10:30 a.m., at the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and an open public forum.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Swick, Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-2290.

Dated: October 29, 2002.

Mark J. Madrid,
Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 in the Washington State Department of Transportation conference room #302, located adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, at 11018 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to learn about the results of the: (1) Roads analysis, (2) forest plan monitoring, and (3) recreation use survey; (4) provide preliminary input to the Northwest Forest Plan social and

economic monitoring; and (5) provide for a Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 1 p.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5008, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Claire Lavendel,
Forest Supervisor.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).
ACTION: Notice.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 25, 2002-OCTOBER 18, 2002

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Slocum Adhesives Corporation	2500 Carroll Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501.	10/01/02	Adhesive use in the footwear and furniture industry.
Gilchrist Metal Faricating Co., Inc.	18 Park Avenue, Hudson, NH 03051.	10/01/02	Frames for electronic photo typesetting machines.
R.P. Adams Company, Inc	P.O. Box 963, Buffalo, NY 14240.	10/02/02	Filtration and heat exchange machinery.
Dynomach Inc	1146 Commercial Dr., Port Allen, LA 70767.	10/04/02	Oil and gas machine parts.
Xenotech Global, Inc	12139 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70817.	10/15/02	Engraving machines.
Willacy Co-Op	P.O. Box 795, Raymondville, TX 76577.	10/16/02	Cotton fibers.
New Hampshire Stamping Co., Inc.	9 Lance Lane, Goffstown, NH 03051.	10/18/02	Stamped metal bird feeder parts, protective eyewear, appliance parts and heat sinks.
East Coast Machining, Inc	150 Airport Drive, Westminster, MD 21157.	10/18/02	Precision parts for filtration housings for the telecommunications industry.