

Aspen District: *Aspen Times*, published weekly in Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado.

Blanco District: *Rio Blanco Herald Times*, published weekly in Meeker, Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Dillon District: *Summit County Journal*, published daily in Frisco, Summit County, Colorado.

Eagle District: *Eagle Valley Enterprise*, published weekly in Eagle, Eagle County, Colorado.

Holy Cross District: *Vail Trail*, published weekly in Vail, Eagle County, Colorado.

Rifle District: *Citizen Telegram*, published weekly in Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado.

Sopris District: *Valley Journal*, published weekly in Carbondale, Garfield County, Colorado.

Nebraska National Forest, Nebraska

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions:
The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.
The Omaha World Herald, published daily in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Nebraska.

Notice by District Rangers of Availability for Comment and Decisions:
Bessey District/Charles E. Bessey Tree Nursery: *The North Platte Telegraph*, published daily in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Pine Ridge District: *The Chadron Record*, published weekly in Chadron, Dawes County, Nebraska.

Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest: *The Valentine Midland News*, published weekly in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Fall River and Wall Districts, Buffalo Gap National Grassland: *The Rapid City Journal*, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Fort Pierre National Grassland: *The Capital Journal*, published Monday thru Friday in Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota.

Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota and Eastern Wyoming

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions:
The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Notice by District Rangers of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

The Rapid City Journal, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, published daily in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Notice by District Rangers of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Casper Star-Tribune, published daily in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Medicine Bow National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Wyoming

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Laramie Daily Boomerang, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

Notice by District Rangers of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Laramie District: *Laramie Daily Boomerang*, published daily in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming.

Douglas District: *Casper Star-Tribune*, published daily in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming.

Brush Creek—Hayden District: *Rawlins Daily Times*, published daily in Rawlins, Carbon County, Wyoming.

Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Cody Enterprise, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

Notice by District Rangers of Availability for Comment and Decisions:

Clarks Fork District: *Powell Tribune*, published twice weekly in Powell, Park County, Wyoming.

Wapiti and Greybull Districts: *Cody Enterprise*, published twice weekly in Cody, Park County, Wyoming.

Wind River District: *The Dubois Frontier*, published weekly in Dubois, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Washakie District: *Lander Journal*, published weekly in Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

Richard C. Stem,

Deputy Regional Forester, Resources, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Big Butte Springs Timber Sales, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Jackson County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to analyze and disclose the environmental impacts of a site-specific proposal to implement vegetation density management treatments, plant trees, construct, reconstruct, and decommission roads, implement connected wildlife project, and conduct prescribed burns. The activities are proposed in the Big Butte Springs Watershed located on National Forest System Lands administered by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Butte Falls Ranger District, Jackson County, Oregon. The proposed action will tier to and be designed under the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rogue River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1990), as amended by the Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan (1994), which provides guidance for land management activities. The Forest Service will give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so that interested and affected people are made aware as to how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Issues and comments concerning the scope, implementation, and analysis of the Proposed Action must be received by May 15, 2004. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available for review by July 2004. The comment period for the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date that the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The Final EIS is scheduled for completion by November 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments regarding the Proposed Action to Joel King, District Ranger, Prospect Ranger District, 47201 Hwy 62, Prospect, Oregon 97536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions about the Proposed Action and EIS to Don Boucher, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Prospect Ranger District, 47201 Highway 62, Prospect, Oregon 97536, phone: (541) 560-3400, fax: (541) 560-3444, e-mail: comments_pacificnorthwest_rogueriver_buttefalls_prospect@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Big Butte Timber Sales project will take place within the upper portion of the Big Butte Springs Watershed. This sub-watershed is also referred to as the Medford Watershed because it supplies domestic water to the city of Medford, Oregon and surrounding communities. Only National Forest System Lands would be treated. The legal description of the area being considered is: T 35 S, R 3 E, sections 13, 22-36; T 35 S, R 4 E, sections 7-34; T 36 S, R 3 E, sections 1-17, 21-28, 35 & 36; T 36 S, R 4 E, sections 3-8, 16-21, & 27-33; Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service is proposing to implement activities that include, in part, multiple timber sales involving approximately 8,800 acres of harvest units. Silvicultural prescriptions include: density management of overstocked stands of trees in existing plantations (approximately 4,300 acres); small group selection or even-aged management of existing shelterwood stands of trees (approximately 1,900 acres); individual tree removal to treat insect and/or disease infected trees (approximately 2,100 acres); and density management of small diameter (6 to 9 inches) trees for forest health and stand development (approximately 500 acres). Other projects include road decommissioning (approximately 13 miles), prescribed fire for wildlife habitat improvement and wildlife improvement projects. Minor amounts of new road construction or reconstruction may be necessary to access harvest units. These activities are proposed on Matrix lands associated with the Northwest Forest Plan. Incidental treatments, not including timber harvest, are proposed within Riparian Reserves. The Big Butte Springs Watershed is not a Tier 1 Key Watershed. No activities are planned within any inventoried roadless areas.

Purpose and Need

The purpose and need for the proposed action is to plan timber sales and associated road and vegetation management activities to implement

management direction from the Rogue River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and the Northwest Forest Plan and to manage for ecosystem objectives. Specific needs of the proposed actions are to: (1) Improve forest health by managing high risk insect and disease areas to encourage more resilient forest vegetation conditions; (2) manage stand densities, species composition, and stand structure in overstocked sapling, pole, and mature stands; (3) manage, maintain, or restore current soil and water quality conditions degraded as a result of past management activities within the Big Butte Springs Municipal Watershed; (4) manage, maintain, and/or restore current big game winter range conditions; (5) manage, maintain, and/or restore snag and coarse down wood material conditions in areas that are deficient; and (6) provide a sustainable yield of commercial timber and other commodities, in concert with land management allocation and direction.

The Forest Service will also consider issues with the proposed action, and develop additional alternatives to the proposed action that respond to significant issues.

Public participation will be important during the analysis. Reviewers may refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1501.7. The Agency will be seeking written issues with the proposed action from Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribes, and other individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used to develop additional alternatives.

Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process under NEPA, which will guide the development of the draft EIS.

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 part 215. 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 requester 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.

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, a reviewer of a Draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review process of the proposal so that it is specific, meaningful, and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519.533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after the 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*, 409 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 to the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft EIS. Comments may also address the inadequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the EIS. 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, comments will be considered and analyzed by the Agency in preparing the Final EIS. In the Final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to the 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 the decision regarding the proposal.

The Forest Service Responsible Official is Scott D. Conroy, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor. The Responsible Official will consider the Final EIS, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and analysis files in making a decision. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale in the Record of Decision. The decision will be subject to appeal by the general public under regulation 36 CFR part 215.

Dated: April 5, 2004.

V. Grilley,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State Advisory Committees

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 Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma Advisory Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. (c.s.t.) and recess at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, and re-convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2004, at the Four Points by Sheraton, One East 45th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss strategic planning for FY 2004-05 and conduct the "Midwest Civil Rights Listening Tour" briefing session.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committees should contact Farella Robinson, Civil Rights Analyst of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). 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 schedule date of the meeting.

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

Dated in Washington, DC, March 29, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-891]

Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determination

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of postponement of preliminary antidumping duty determination in an antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is postponing the preliminary determination in the antidumping investigation of hand trucks and certain parts thereof from the People's Republic of China from April 21, 2004 until no later than May 17, 2004. This postponement is made pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Audrey Twyman, or John Brinkmann, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3534, or (202) 482-4126, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Time Limits

Sections 733(b)(1)(A) and 735(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), require the Department of Commerce ("Department") to issue the preliminary determination in an antidumping investigation within 140 days after the date on which the Department initiates an investigation, and a final determination within 75 days after the date of its preliminary determination. However, if it is not practicable to complete the investigation within the time period, sections 733(c)(1) and 735(a)(2) of the Act allow the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 190 days and 135 days, respectively.

Background

On December 9, 2003, the Department published in the *Federal Register* the notice of initiation of the antidumping investigation on hand trucks and certain parts thereof from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). (See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's*

Republic of China, 68 FR 68591). The preliminary determination is currently due no later than April 21, 2004.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Determination

Under section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, the Department can extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination until not later than the 190th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that: (i) The case is extraordinarily complicated by reason of (I) the number and complexity of the transactions to be investigated or adjustments to be considered, (II) the novelty of the issues presented, or (III) the number of firms whose activities must be investigated, and (ii) additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

We have concluded that the statutory criteria for postponing the preliminary determination have been met. Specifically, the parties concerned are cooperating in this investigation. Furthermore, additional time is necessary to complete the preliminary determination due to the large variety of factor of production inputs and the need to develop surrogate value information for these inputs. Also, additional time is needed to address novel issues that have been raised in this investigation.

Pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we have determined that this investigation is "extraordinarily complicated" and additional time is necessary. We are, therefore, postponing the preliminary determination by 26 days to May 17, 2004.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: April 6, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-829]

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.