

(c) Losses will be determined on an individual-nursery basis. Production loss from one nursery will not be offset by production from another nursery operated by the same applicant. Payments are calculated by multiplying the difference between beginning and ending inventory value times 25 percent times the producer's share of the loss. The payment for production loss is subject to the \$80,000 payment limitation and AGI provisions.

(d) Producers are also eligible for a payment of \$250 per acre for debris removal and associated costs from hurricane damage if they can document that these costs were equal to or greater than \$250 per acre. None of the payment for cleanup is subject to the payment limitation and AGI provisions. Producers must provide the inventory value before the hurricane and the inventory value after the hurricane. The value of the inventory is the producer's wholesale price list, less the maximum customer discount they provide, not to exceed the prices in RMA's "Eligible Plant List and Price Schedule."

VI. Florida Vegetable, Fruit and Tropical Fruit Disaster Program

(a) Producers of vegetables, fruits and selected tropical fruit are eligible for assistance. Payments will be made on a per-acre basis, and are based on the type of planting application or method installed or completed on the date and time the hurricanes occurred in that area.

(b) Plasticulture refers to production practices where the soil has been covered with plastic mulch, fumigated, fertilized, and with an irrigation system installed. For plasticulture losses, producers must have a loss that is 50 percent or greater of plastic or plant population, as applicable. Producers must also document that the necessary materials and procedures were followed to produce vegetables using any of the practices. Payments are calculated by multiplying the payment rate for each practice times the affected acres in the practice times the producer's share of that crop. A portion of the payment that is associated with production losses is subject to the \$80,000 payment limitation and AGI provisions. The payment associated with debris removal and associated costs from hurricane damage are not subject to payment limitation or AGI. Plasticulture includes the following practices:

(1) Practice I—the producer laid down new plastic, fumigated the soil, put in transplants and had a loss or removal of more than 50 percent of the plastic per acre requiring the replacement of preplant inputs and plastic.

(2) Practice II—the producer laid down new plastic, fumigated the soil, but did not put in transplants and had a loss or removal of more than 50 percent of the plastic per acre requiring the replacement of preplant inputs and plastic; or the producer laid down new plastic with 50 percent or more loss in plant population and did not re-plant due to cultural or weather related limitations.

(3) Practice III—the producer double-cropped with respect to the plastic and had a loss of greater than 50 percent of the plastic per acre; or the producer laid down new plastic with 50 percent or more loss in plant population and replanted.

(c) Practice IV—The producer who plants conventional row crop fruits and vegetables must suffer a loss of 50 percent or more of the plant population. Payments are calculated by multiplying the number of acres affected by the loss times the payment rate times the producer's share of the crop. All payments are subject to the total payment limitation and AGI provisions.

(d) Practice V—For tropical fruit producers, only those producers in Lee County or in Bands 1 or 2 designated under the Florida Citrus Program are eligible. Producers must have suffered a loss of 50 percent or more relative to their expected production, as defined in 7 CFR part 1480.3. Payments are calculated by multiplying the number of acres affected by the payment rate times the producer's share of the crop. The total payment is subject to the payment limitation and AGI provisions.

VII. Payment Conditions for All Programs

(a) Actual losses or costs for any program must equal or exceed the payment amount received for that program.

(b) Payment rates will be 5 percent less for producers who did not obtain Federal Crop Insurance, which is available from the Risk Management Agency, or on coverage from CCC under NAP.

(c) Eligible producers who elected not to purchase insurance on an insurable crop, or NAP coverage on an uninsurable crop for which benefits are received under any of these programs, must purchase for the next available coverage period:

(1) Crop insurance at least at the catastrophic level on that crop, although producers who are required to purchase a citrus insurance policy may elect to purchase a fruit or tree policy;

(2) NAP coverage for the next available coverage period by paying the administrative fee and filing all required

paperwork by the applicable State filing deadline.

(d) If a producer who is required to purchase crop insurance or NAP for the applicable year fails to do so, the producer must refund the disaster payment.

VIII. Appeals

Any person who is dissatisfied with a determination made with respect to these programs may make a request for reconsideration or appeal of such determination in accordance with the regulations set forth in 7 CFR parts 11 and 780.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 25, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northeast Yaak EIS; Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of urban interface fuels treatments, vegetation management, watershed rehabilitation activities, wildlife habitat improvement, and access management changes, including road decommissioning. The project is located in the Northeast Yaak planning subunit on the Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana, and northeast of Troy, Montana.

DATES: *Scoping Comment Date:* Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by November 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Dickinson, Team Leader, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935. Phone: (406) 295-4693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area is approximately 26 air miles northeast of Troy, Montana, within all or portions of T37N, R29W–R32W, and T36N, R30N–R31W, Lincoln

County, Montana. The area encompasses the following drainages: Blacktail, Caribou, East Fork Yaak River, Porcupine, Basin, Solo Joe, Windy, Bunker Hill, and Vinal drainages and several small drainages tributary to the East Fork of the Yaak River.

The purpose and need for this project is to: (1) Reduce fuels and the potential for crown fires in the urban interface and other forested areas; (2) manage for more diverse and sustainable vegetative conditions; (3) improve conditions in old growth habitat; (4) improve growing conditions and long-term management of overstocked sapling/pole stands; (5) improve and maintain winter range conditions; (6) improve the quality of grizzly bear habitat; (7) provide for motorized access to national forest resources for recreation and to meet management objectives, while maintaining wildlife security; (8) continue to decrease cumulative sediment introduction to streams from roads; and (9) contribute forest products to the economy.

To meet this purpose and need this project proposes:

(1) Intermediate tree harvest on approximately 2,010 acres and regeneration harvest on 340 acres to reduce fuels and manage for a more diverse and sustainable vegetative conditions. Included in the intermediate tree harvest is an estimated 140 acres in stands designated as old growth (MA-13) Old growth characteristics would be maintained and enhanced with this treatment. This proposal includes a project-specific forest plan amendment to allow for this harvest in MA-13. Mechanical fuels reduction is proposed on 110 acres, and hand piling fuels reduction is proposed on 100 acres, all in the wildland urban interface. Maintenance underburning is proposed on approximately 120 acres in the wildland urban interface, including 80 acres within old growth or replacement old growth. This harvest would contribute approximately 12 to 16 million board feet (MMBF) or 29,300 to 39,000 hundred cubic feet (CCF) of timber products to the economy. Approximately 0.6 miles of new specified road construction and 0.7 miles of road realignment would be needed for this project and to provide for long-term management needs. The road would be placed in storage after treatment. It is estimated that five temporary roads ranging from 0.2 to 0.5 miles would be constructed to accomplish this harvest and would be obliterated following activities. Best Management Practice work and road maintenance work would be implemented on haul roads. Pre-

commercial thinning is proposed on approximately 270 acres to improve growing conditions and maintain structural diversity in managed sapling stands.

(2) Decommissioning all or portions of 13 roads (approximately 17 miles) which were determined through an interdisciplinary process to be unneeded and are at risk of contributing sediment to streams. The decommissioning work would include outslipping portions of the road prism, installing ditch-intercept waterbars, and reestablishing stream crossings. Several roads in the upper Caribou and Bloom Creek area used in the 1950s are inaccessible and would be abandoned. To improve motorized public access, Road 746 would be opened for public travel.

(3) To enlarge and consolidate grizzly bear core habitat while maintaining the 55 percent standard in Bear Management Unit 16, Road 5816 (at the junction of Road 6810H), Road 6004, and Road 6005, would be bermed and stabilized. These roads are currently gated, so public access would not change. A smaller core area in the Solo Joe/Hudson Cr. area would be eliminated.

(4) Design features and mitigations to maintain and protect resource values.

Range of Alternatives

The Forest Service will consider a range of alternatives. One of these will be the "no action" alternative in which none of the proposed activities will be implemented. Additional alternatives will examine varying levels and locations for the proposed activities to achieve the proposal's purposes, as well as to respond to the issues and other resource values.

Public Involvement and Scoping

The public is encouraged to take part in the process and to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribal governments, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft and final EIS. The scoping process will include:

1. Identifying potential issues.
2. Identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Identifying alternatives to the proposed action.
4. Exploring additional alternatives that will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.

5. Identifying potential environmental effects of this proposal (*i.e.*, direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in February 2005. At that time EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in the management of this area participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in June 2005. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and to applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal.

Reviewer's Obligations

The Forest Service believes 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 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 and respond to them in the final EIS.

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 merit of the alternatives discussed. 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.

Responsible Official

As the Forest Supervisor of the Kootenai National Forest, 1101 U.S. Highway 2 West, Libby, MT 59923, I am the Responsible Official. As the Responsible Official, I will decide if the proposed project will be implemented. I will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. I have delegated the responsibility for preparing the DEIS and FEIS to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District.

Dated: October 25, 2004.

Bob Castaneda,

Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Salmon River Canyon Project; Nez Perce National Forest, Payette National Forest, Bitterroot National Forest, Salmon/Challis National Forest, Idaho County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of an environmental impact statement. EIS No. 990413.

SUMMARY: On July 24, 1998, a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Salmon River Canyon Project; Nez Perce National Forest, Payette National Forest, Bitterroot National Forest, Salmon/Challis National Forest was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 39810). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of an EIS for this proposed action. The Notice of Intent is hereby withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this cancellation may be directed to Ken Stump, Assistant Fire Management Officer, RR 2 Box 475 Grangeville, ID 83530 or telephone 208-983-1950.

Steve E. Williams,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Province Advisory Committee (OPAC) will meet on Friday, November 19, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., SW., Olympia, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda topics are: Current status of key Forest issues; Special Forest Products Update; Invasive Plant Update; Strategic Resource Planning; Open forum; and Public comments.

All Olympic Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: October 22, 2004.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its ad hoc committee and board meetings to take place in Washington, DC on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 as noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

9:30 a.m.–Noon: Ad Hoc Committee on Public Rights-of-Way—Closed
1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, 2660

Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-0001 (voice) and (202) 272-0082 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items: (a) Approval of the July 12, 2004 draft meeting minutes; and, (b) public rights-of-way guidelines (closed).

This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you plan to attend and require a sign language interpreter or similar accommodation, please make your request with the Board by November 1, 2004. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

James J. Raggio,
General Counsel.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Deletion

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

ACTION: Deletion from procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action deletes from the Procurement List a product previously furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletion

On April 30, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 23723) of proposed deletion to the Procurement List. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product listed below is no longer suitable for