

the Providence and Bull Units of the Kings River watershed and PSW's goal of information development on treatment methods. There is an urgent need to treat headwaters in the Kings River watershed to improve forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, and while doing so, to further our understanding of ecological responses to forest management activities.

Sierra waters are critical for the health and welfare of California and yet there has been minimal attention and resources dedicated to the protection and restoration of this headwater resource. The Sierra Nevada Alliance reports that 75% of California's rain and snow falls in the Sierra which provides 55 to 65% of California's developed water. The need for the proposed research in the Sierra Nevada is emphasized by financial support to the KREW Project from the State of California, CalFed Watershed Program administered by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and by a recent report from the Sierra Nevada Alliance, "Investing in California's Headwaters: The Sierra Nevada." In addition, the National Science Foundation is funding university scientists to perform research to cooperate with the KREW Project. The research component of the KREW Project influenced the siting selection of the California portions of the National Ecological Observatory Network. The KREW Project research component is designed to be relevant to Federal, State and private forest land. The KREW Project will also provide much needed data for the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

North and others in 2009 recognized that "management practices that help restore the forest headwaters of Sierran watersheds will benefit water production and quality for downstream users." The SNF and PSW have been working toward the goal of forest health treatment in the Kings River watershed for more than a decade. As each year goes by, the health of the forest in these areas has a greater potential to be impacted by various factors including drought, uncharacteristic wildfire and insect infestation. Treatment to enhance ecological health in the Kings River watershed has been delayed due to setbacks in the completion of key environmental documentation. It is important that treatments be accomplished and research information be available to provide factual information for the design of future forest management activities.

The KREW Project objectives include:

- Treat the Providence and the Bull Units to improve forest ecological health in a financially viable way.
- Define the variability in and understand the processes of headwater streams, their riparian areas, and associated watersheds.
- Evaluate the effects of management activities (prescribed fire, mechanical thinning, and commercial tree harvesting) designed to create a more sustainable forest.
- Provide an instrumented research site to evaluate regional stresses such as air pollution and climate change.
- Develop a multidisciplinary database that is dense enough in time and space for computer modeling applications.

Proposed Action

The proposed action would apply treatments on the majority of the acres in Providence and Bull Units for ecological restoration and study their short- and long-term effects at the watershed scale. The proposed action includes tree thinning with commercial tree harvest, underburning, reforestation, plantation maintenance, fuels treatments, and herbicide treatments to plantations and noxious weeds. Tree removal and retention emphasizes heterogeneity through a variable growing space retention based on aspect, slope position, site productivity, tree species and recognition of micro-site conditions. Restoration of native species composition is proposed through the regeneration of pine species; the retention of existing brush, pine and oaks consistent with the desired conditions; enhancement of growing conditions of existing young pine; and the eradication of noxious weed species.

The integrated condition of the streams and their associated watersheds and riparian areas will be evaluated with physical, chemical and biological measurements taken under a formal research study. The research areas within the Units, a subset of the entire proposed treatment area, have been assigned a treatment type for the purpose of the experimental design. The 1,899-acre Providence Unit includes research watersheds of 298 acres of potential thinning, 327 acres of underburn, 245 acres of combined underburning and potential thinning, and 120 acres of control (untreated). The 1,152-acre Bull Unit includes research areas of 131 acres of thinning, 342 acres of underburn, and 412 acres of combined thinning and underburning. The 562-acre control area for the Bull Unit is outside the KREW Project. Only a portion of the research areas designated for mechanical thinning will be thinned. Forest management treatments also occur outside the

research areas and are not constrained by the research design.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The KREW Project is a collaborative effort between the SNF and the PSW. The PSW and the SNF share responsibility as the lead agency.

Responsible Officials

Ed Cole, SNF Forest Supervisor, Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611
Peter Stine, Program Manager, PSW, 1731 Research Park Drive, Davis, CA 95618.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to implement the planned forest health treatments and proceed with research on the effects of those treatments, alternative forest health treatments, or select no action.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Public scoping meetings will be held at the SNF, Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis on Wednesday October 14th at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the same date at the SNF High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: October 1, 2009.

Edward C. Cole,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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 Salmon-Challis National Forest's Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: Monday, October 19, 2009, beginning at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public Lands Center, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review of RAC 2009 projects, possible approval of RAC project proposals, and preparing for the 2010 RAC project season. The meeting is an open public forum. Some RAC members may attend the meeting by conference call or electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William A. Wood, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at 208-756-5111.

Dated: September 30, 2009.

William A. Wood,

Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applications for the following vacant seats on the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: The Commercial Fishing seat and the Education seat. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 3-year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by November 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, 115 5. Railroad Ave.,

Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Palmer, 115 5. Railroad Ave., Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362, e-mail Andrew.palmer@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sanctuary Advisory Council members and alternates serve three-year terms. The Advisory Council meets bi-monthly in public sessions in communities in and around the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in December 1998 to assure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the advisory council's 15 voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public. In addition, five Federal government agencies and one federally funded program serve as non-voting, ex officio members. Since its establishment, the advisory council has played a vital role in advising the sanctuary and NOAA on critical issues. In addition to providing advice on management issues facing the Sanctuary, the Council members serve as a communication bridge between constituents and the Sanctuary staff.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429, Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: October 6, 2009.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-421-811)

Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On May 26, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) from the Netherlands. *See Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the*

Netherlands; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 74 FR 24823 (May 26, 2009) (*Preliminary Results*). The merchandise covered by the order is purified CMC as described in the "Scope of the Order" section of this notice. The period of review (POR) is July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. We afforded interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. We received comments from interested parties and, consequently, have made changes to our calculation based on our analysis of the comments received. Therefore, the final results differ from those published in the Department's *Preliminary Results*. The final weighted-average dumping margin for the reviewed firm is listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of the Review."

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Edwards, Brian Davis, or Angelica Mendoza, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8029, (202) 482-7924, or (202) 482-3019, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 26, 2009, the Department published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order covering purified CMC from the Netherlands. *See Preliminary Results*. The parties subject to this review are CP Kelco B.V. and its U.S. affiliate, CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (collectively, CP Kelco). The petitioner in this proceeding is The Aqualon Company, a division of Hercules Incorporated (petitioner).

We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. On June 26, 2009, CP Kelco timely filed its comments on the *Preliminary Results* and requested a public hearing. *See* Case Brief from Arent Fox LLP (counsel for respondent) titled "Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands; Case Brief of CP Kelco B.V.," dated June 26, 2009 (Case Brief). On June 30, 2009, petitioner timely submitted comments in lieu of a formal brief in reply to the June 26, 2009, case brief filed by CP Kelco. *See* Letter from Haynes & Boone, LLP, regarding "Comment by Petitioner Aqualon Company in Lieu of Reply Brief," dated June 30, 2009. On July 2, 2009, CP Kelco withdrew its request for a public hearing. *See* CP Kelco's letter regarding "Withdrawal of Hearing Request," dated