

plantations include islands of residual trees that pre-date the plantations which would be left untreated to provide diverse structure and habitat within the plantations.

About 80% of the treatment acres would have wood products removed using whole-tree-yarding to designated landings.

One or more of these secondary treatments, depending on site conditions, would follow the primary silvicultural treatments: (1) Masticate competing brush; (2) pile and burn activity fuels; (3) lop and scatter activity fuels; and (4) pull slash back or chip within 50 feet of National Forest System roads. Secondary treatments address predicted wildfire behavior by reducing hazardous fuels conditions.

The project would be accomplished under several Service and Timber Sale Contracts over a period of several years, dependent upon funding. Plantations to be treated are generally put together in contracts of 300 to 600 acres in size and located close to one another to be operationally and economically feasible. Additional vegetation and road treatments would be completed with Forest Service employees and agency owned machinery (i.e., force account), Youth Conservation Corp Crews, California Conservation Corp Crews and/or volunteers as funding allows. Treatment activities and road actions would occur between approximately May 1 and October 15 each year. Plantations with poor stand health and vigor and/or high fuel hazards would be treated first. Commercial removal units would be scheduled as soon as possible. Upon award, the average Service Contract vegetation treatment and related road closures would generally be completed within 18 months. Timber Sale Contracts can take anywhere from 1 to 5 years from award to completion. Associated road closures would occur upon completion of an activity in each contract/sale area boundary.

Road management activities necessary to implement the proposed action and also needed for future management activities include: 126 miles of road maintenance and 36 miles of reconstruction on National Forest System (NFS) roads. Existing unauthorized routes totaling 33 miles are proposed to be added to the NFS (these routes are currently open roads that are not part of the National Forest system under the Shasta-Trinity National Forests Motorized Travel Management, Final Environmental Impact Statement, 2010); and construction of 24 segments totaling 5.5 miles of new roads that would be added to the system.

Eighteen miles of existing unauthorized routes and 3.5 miles of new temporary roads would be decommissioned within 1–3 years of project conclusion.

Approximately 462 landings up to one-half acre in size (or up to one-quarter acre in the LSR) would be located within or near plantation boundaries where wood products would be removed.

Landings and skid trails would be rehabilitated when no longer needed for this project. Maintenance Level 1 (intermittent use) roads would be closed within 1–3 years of each contract completion, until needed for future management activities.

The Proposed Action implements the Forest Plan standards and guides, management recommendations in the Forestwide Late Successional Reserve Assessment, the Forest's Fire Management Plan, and Regional Ecosystem Office guidance. Additional site-specific project design features and best management practices would be used to further protect resources. Coordination and consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will continue and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and Tribes is planned.

Responsible Official

J. Sharon Heywood, Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need, or take no action.

Permits or Licenses Required

A permit would be required from the State of California prior to burning piles. Storm Water Permits: The appropriate regulatory agencies will be consulted regarding national or state required permits associated with roads used in project implementation. Required permits will be obtained prior to implementation.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

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.

Include the following information with your comments: your name, address, email (optional), and telephone number; the project name: East McCloud Plantations Thinning Project; and site-specific comments about the proposed action, along with supporting information you believe will help identify issues, develop alternatives, or predict environmental effects of this proposal. The most useful comments provide new information or describe unwanted environmental effects potentially caused by the proposed action. If you reference scientific literature in your comments, you must provide a copy of the entire reference you have cited and include rationale as to how you feel it is pertinent to the East McCloud Plantations Thinning Project.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lolo National Forest's Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Monday, September 24, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Missoula, Montana. The purpose of the meeting is to review and vote on submitted proposals, and receive public comment on the meeting subjects and proceedings.

DATES: Monday, September 24, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Missoula County Courthouse, Room Admin B14; 199 W Pine St. Missoula, MT 59802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Boyd Hartwig; Address: Lolo National Forest, Building 24A Fort Missoula, Missoula, Montana 59804; Phone: 406-329-1024 email: bchartwig@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review

of individual member proposal rankings (2) brief discussion of proposals (3) vote on proposals in order of ranking (4) receive public comment (5) review old business. There will be an open comment period for the public at the start of the meeting.

Dated: August 27, 2012.

Paul Matter,

Missoula District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Delta-Bienville Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Delta-Bienville Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Forest, Mississippi. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress and status of approved and completed RAC projects.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 20, 2012, and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bienville Ranger District Work Center, Hwy 501 South, 935A South Raleigh St., Forest, Mississippi 39074. Written comments should be sent to Michael T. Esters, Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi 39074. Comments may also be sent via email to mesters@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 601 469-2513.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi 39074. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 601 469-3811 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nefisia Kittrell, RAC coordinator, USDA, Bienville Ranger District Office, 3473 Hwy 35 South, Forest, Mississippi; (601) 469-3811; Email nkittrell@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress and status of approved and completed RAC projects. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

Michael T. Esters,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Amador County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Amador County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Sutter Creek, California. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the committee's processes and procedures, review applications, and make recommendations for projects to be approved.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 20, 2012, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Amador County Public Health Building, Conference Room A; 10877 Conductor Road, Sutter Creek, CA.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Eldorado National Forest Headquarters Office; 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA. Please call ahead to (530) 622-5061 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Mosbacher, Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, Forest headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA (530) 621-5268, TTY (530) 642-5122, fmosbacher@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: review and discuss the committee's processes and procedures, review project proposals, and make recommendations for projects to be approved. The full agenda will be posted on the Web at: https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/Web_Agendas?OpenView&Count=1000&RestrictToCategory=Amador+County. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by September 18, 2012 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Frank Mosbacher, RAC Coordinator; 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667 or by email to fmosbacher@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530-621-5297. A summary of the meeting will be posted at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/Web_Agendas?OpenView&Count=1000&RestrictToCategory=Amador+County within 21 days of the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: If you require sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation please request this in advance of the meeting by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

Kathryn D. Hardy,

Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest.

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