

plantations, and reduce natural fuel loads through the use of prescribed fire; (4) reduce current sediment delivery from existing roads by obliterating sections of these roads located immediately adjacent to perennial streams; and (5) provide sawlogs and other wood products to help sustain local sawmills and economies.

**CONTACT:** Further information can be obtained by contacting Project Leader Steve Patterson, Cascade Ranger District, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, Idaho, 83611; telephone 208-382-7430.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** David D. Rittenhouse, Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest, 1750 Front Street, Boise, ID 83702.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

David D. Rittenhouse,  
Forest Supervisor.

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### **Master Development Plan for Pelican Butte Ski Area, Winema National Forest, Klamath County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a Master Development Plan for the Pelican Butte Ski Area on the Klamath Ranger District of the Winema National Forest. In response to a planning permit and prospectus issued by the Forest Service, the Pelican Butte Corporation has submitted a site-specific Master Development Plan for development of a winter recreation area, with limited summer uses. The Forest Service is initiating the process of preparing an EIS to analyze and disclose the effects of the proposed Master Development Plan (Proposed Action) and alternatives. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are being asked to participate as cooperating agencies.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by December 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Bob Castaneda, Forest Supervisor, Winema National Forest, 2819 Dahlia Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Hoffheins, Klamath Ranger District, Winema National Forest, 1936 California Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601, phone 541-883-8858.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over the past thirty years, a number of studies

have identified Pelican Butte as a potential alpine skiing area. In 1990, the City of Klamath Falls submitted a proposal to the Winema National Forest to develop a year-round recreational facility at Pelican Butte as part of the proposed Salt Caves hydroelectric project. Action on the City's proposal ceased in July 1991 in the face of uncertainties regarding management direction for the northern spotted owl habitat and controversy regarding the project's effect on bald eagles. In March 1992, a community "futuring" process, *Klamath 2002*, again identified Pelican Butte as a "major recreation resource for alpine skiing".

A planning permit was issued to the Pelican Butte Corporation by the Winema National Forest in September 1994 to prepare a conceptual master plan for Pelican Butte. In 1995, the Forest issued a "Prospectus and Requirements for Submitting an Application for a Ski Area Planning Permit for Developing a Winter Sports Facility on Pelican Butte". In response to the prospectus, the Pelican Butte Corporation has submitted a 10-year master plan to develop a ski area at Pelican Butte.

The Master Development Plan (proposed action) includes the following elements: design capacity of 4,450 skiers, with a peak capacity of 5,560; gondola, four aerial chairlifts, and one T-bar surface lift; 612 acres of ski terrain; snow-making on 92 acres; 15 kilometers of nordic ski trails; two day lodges; maintenance and ski patrol buildings; and other winter activities such as snow-shoeing. Facilities being planned are within a development area totalling approximately 3,000 acres. Summer uses would include gondola rides, day lodge operations, hiking and interpretive trails. A complete description of the Proposal is available at the Winema National Forest Supervisor's Office, Klamath Ranger District, and at the Klamath Falls public library.

This project-level EIS will tier to the 1990 Winema National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended by the 1994 Record of Decision for "Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (Forest Plan). The Forest Plan provides guidance for management activities within the potentially affected area through its goals, objectives, management area direction, and standards and guidelines. The project would primarily occur within the Pelican Butte Semi-Primitive Recreation Area, and to a lesser extent in areas managed with emphasis on late

successional species and bald eagle habitat. The Semi-Primitive Recreation Area allocation specifically provides for the option to develop a downhill ski area, with the type and scope of development to be determined in a site-specific EIS.

Permits and licenses required to implement the proposed Master Development Plan will, or may, include the following: Special Use Permit from the Forest Service; Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; certification from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for Section 401 compliance and permit for Pollution Discharge Elimination System; approval from the Oregon Department of Transportation for any access improvements; clearance from the State Historic Preservation Office; and various review and permit approvals from Klamath County.

Public participation will be important at several points during the EIS preparation. The first point is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7). The Forest Service will be seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, The Klamath Tribes, and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying potential issues;
2. Identifying issues to be analyzed in depth;
3. Eliminating insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental analysis;
4. Exploring additional alternatives; and
5. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e. direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

Public scoping meetings will be held in Klamath Falls on October 28, in Medford/Ashland on November 4, and in Rocky Point, Oregon, on November 6, 1996. Meetings will be advertised through a project newsletter and the media.

A range of alternatives for the master plan will be considered including the No Action alternative. As issues are identified other potential alternatives will be developed.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review in December 1997. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date EPA's Notice of Availability appears in the Federal Register.

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, reviewers of a 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). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after 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*, 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS 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 EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewer 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, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed by August 1998. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official, Forest Supervisor Bob Castaneda, will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to review under 36 CFR Part 215.

Dated: October 10, 1996.

Bob Castaneda,

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

### Formal Determinations on Records Release

**AGENCY:** Assassination Records Review Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of formal determinations, releases, corrections and reconsideration.

**SUMMARY:** The Assassination Records Review Board (Review Board) met in a closed meeting on September 27, 1996, and made formal determinations on the release of records under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act). By issuing this notice, the Review Board complies with the section of the JFK Act that requires the Review Board to publish the results of its decisions on a document-by-document basis in the Federal Register within 14 days of the date of the decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** T. Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel and Associate Director for Research and Analysis, Assassination Records Review Board, Second Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, (202) 724-0088, fax (202) 724-0457.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice complies with the requirements of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. 2107.9(c)(4)(A) (1992). On September 27, 1996, the Review Board made formal determinations on records it reviewed under the JFK Act. These determinations are listed below. The assassination records are identified by the record identification number assigned in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection database maintained by the National Archives.

### Notice of Formal Determinations

For each document, the number of releases of previously redacted information immediately follows the record identification number, followed in turn by the number of postponements sustained, and, where appropriate, the date the document is scheduled to be released or re-reviewed.

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