

approximately 1.1 miles of new specified road. Additional alternatives may be developed after the significant issues are clarified and management objectives are fully defined. The Responsible Official will be presented with a range of feasible and practical alternatives.

*Permits and licenses* required to implement the proposed action will, or may, include the following: consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for compliance with Section 7 of the Threatened & Endangered Species Act; review from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and clearance from the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office.

The Forest Service predicts the draft environmental impact statement will be filed during the spring of 1997 and the final environmental impact statement during the summer of 1997.

The Forest Service will seek comments on the draft environmental impact statement for a period of 45 days after its publication in the Federal Register. Comments will then be summarized and responded to in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft environmental impact statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement.

(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.)

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 the draft environmental impact statement 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 DEIS 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 they can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement 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 environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. 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.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Ben DeVillar,

*Deputy Forest Supervisor.*

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#### **Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on January 30 and January 31, 1996 at the Red Lion Hotel, Sacramento Room, 1830 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on January 30 and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on January 31 and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) example of Province-wide data application to PAC decision making process; (2) a strategy plan for the next two years of PAC Charter with recommendations; (3) a presentation on the proposed Pelican Butte Ski Area; (4) Province Interagency Executive Committee Report; and (5) public comment periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Jay H. Perkins,

*Deputy Fire Staff Officer.*

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#### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

##### **Upper Tioga River Watershed, Pennsylvania; Notice of Deauthorization of Federal Funding**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) Guidelines (7 CFR Part 622); the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) gives notice of the deauthorization of Federal funding for the Upper Tioga River Watershed project, Tioga and Bradford Counties, Pennsylvania, effective on November 26, 1996.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Janet L. Oertly, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 340, One Credit Union Place, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-2993, telephone (717) 782-2202.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-95 regarding State and local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally-assisted programs and projects is applicable.)

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Janet L. Oertly,

*State Conservationist.*

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#### **Rural Utilities Service**

##### **Marshall's Energy Company, Inc.; Finding of No Significant Impact**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794), has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by the Marshall's Energy Company, Inc. (MEC), of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The proposed

project consists of two 6.22 megawatt (MW) diesel electric generating units and associated facilities that will be constructed immediately adjacent to the existing Majuro Generating Station, on Dalap Island which is part of the Majuro Atoll.

RUS has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed project would not be significant and that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-5093.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 161 of the Compact of Free Association (Compact), Public Law 99-239, among the Government of the United States, Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia requires Federal agencies shall apply NEPA to their activities under the Compact and its related agreements as if the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia were the United States.

RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that MEC submit a Borrower's Environmental Report (BER) reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The BER prepared for MEC by Howard Engineers and Constructors, Ltd. and Earth Technology Corporation includes input from Republic of the Marshall Islands agencies. RUS has adopted the BER as its Environmental Assessment for the project in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.61. RUS has concluded that the BER represents an accurate assessment of the environmental impacts of the project. The proposed project should have no impact on cultural resources, floodplains, wetlands, important farmland, water quality, air quality, and federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Alternatives considered to the proposed project included no action, load management, and alternative energy sources. RUS has considered these alternatives and has concluded that by adding new diesel generating units, MEC can accommodate the current and projected load requirements on the Majuro Atoll and provide the

flexibility of maintenance during peak load periods.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at RUS at the address provided herein; or can be reviewed at or obtained from the offices of MEC, P.O. Box 1430, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH 96960, telephone (692) 625-3507 during normal business hours.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Adam M. Golodner,  
*Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.*  
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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Addition**

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

**ACTION:** Addition to the procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 21, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman, (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 25, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 55268) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small

organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List: Laundry Service, Yakima Training Center, Yakima, Washington.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

E.R. Alley, Jr.,

*Deputy Executive Director.*

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**Procurement List; Proposed Additions**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** January 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.