

activities are consistent with the management prescription for each Management Area (MA), and (2) that site-specific restrictions, in the form of standards and guidelines, are implemented to protect the Project Area's natural and cultural resource values. MAs found in the Project Area are:

Management Area 2.1 (38% of the Project Area)—Uneven age management is the preferred forest management method to maintain continuous forest cover and both roaded natural and dispersed recreation opportunities.

Management Area 3.1 (16% of the Project Area)—Even age management is the preferred forest management method to maintain a mosaic of vegetative conditions in a roaded, intensively managed but natural appearing environment.

Management Area 4.1 (13% of the Project Area)—Both evenage and uneven age management would be used to provide long-term suitable, stable deer winter habitat with a mix of forest age.

Management Area 6.2a (32% of the Project Area)—Even age management, using extended rotation lengths, is the preferred silvicultural method to maintain a physical setting that provides opportunities for solitude and a feeling of closeness to nature.

General standards and guidelines found in the Forest Plan as well as site-specific measures resulting from the EIS analysis would be applied to protection Forest resources including, but not limited to: Open water, wetlands, streams and riparian areas; wet, steep, and shallow soils; designated trails; developed recreational areas; and habitat for endangered, threatened, and sensitive plant and animals.

Public participation has been, and will be, an integral component of the study process, and will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first is during the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments and assistance from federal, state county and local agencies, individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed activities. Initial public scoping was held on April 6, 1998, and an open house was held during the same month. Preliminary issues identified for analysis in the EIS include the potential effects by, or on: (1) Recreational use of the Project Area, (2) the solitude and a feeling of closeness to nature in MA 6.2a, (3) wildlife and wildlife habitat, (4) deer habitat management, (5) project size and intensity of vegetation management, (6) economics, (7) opportunities for

ecosystem restoration, (8) the spiritual setting of the Weston Priory, (9) fish and aquatic habitat and (10) threatened, endangered and sensitive species; including the federally-listed Indiana bat.

We expect these preliminary issues to be carried through this analysis. Additional scoping will be completed to coincide with this notice, giving the public an opportunity to identify any new issues or concerns.

Based on the results of scoping and the resource conditions within the Project Area, alternatives (including a no-action alternative) will be developed for the Draft EIS.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available for review in June, 2002. 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 EPA's Notice of Availability appears in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is anticipated in October, 2002.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to notify reviewers of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the 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 environmental impact stage, but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement, 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 publics interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period on the draft EIS, so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when the agency can meaningfully consider 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 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.

Interested parties 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.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies: The USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain National Forest is the lead agency for preparation of this document.

Responsible Official: Dennis P. Roy, District Ranger, Manchester Ranger District is the responsible Forest Service official. In making the decisions, the responsible official will consider the comments; responses; disclosure of environmental consequences; and applicable laws, regulations and policies. The responsible officials will state the rationale for the chosen alternative in the Records of Decision.

Dated: January 7, 2002.

Paul K. Brewster,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold meetings on January 25 and February 8, 2002, in Quincy, California. The purpose of the meetings is to review the Resource Advisory Committee's role in implementing the Title 2 provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act) and to determine how to proceed with project solicitation and selection.

DATES: The January 25, 2002, meeting will be held from 9-4 p.m. The February 8, 2002, meeting time will be determined at the meeting on the 25th.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds, 204 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, California, 95971.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA, 95971; (530) 283-7850; or by e-mail eataylor@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the January 25 meeting include: (1) Review applicable laws including: Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (2) Discuss Collaboration and Interest-Based Bargaining; (3) Continue project solicitation/design and selection process; (4) Review ongoing public and private programs of work that fit Title 2 parameters; (5) Public Comment; and, (6) Future meeting schedule/logistics/agenda. The meeting is open to the public and individuals may address the Committee at the time provided on the agenda. Agenda items for the February 8 meeting will be determined at the meeting on the 25th.

Dated: January 10, 2002.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Survey of Intent and Capacity to Harvest and Process Fish and Shellfish (Northwest Region).

Form Number(s): None.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0243.
Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 3.
Number of Respondents: 40.
Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: A telephone survey is conducted of fishery processors, joint venture companies, and fishermen's trade associations in the Pacific Northwest to determine the tonnage of fish processed or harvested, and their estimated tonnage for the next year. The information is used to help form allocations of groundfish quotas.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov). Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 10, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 011402A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Data Collection on Marine Protected and Managed Areas.

Form Number(s): None.
OMB Approval Number: None.
Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 5,000.
Number of Respondents: 1,000.
Average Hours Per Response: 5.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order 13158 directs the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior to work with partners to inventory the protection of U.S. ocean and coastal resources by developing a national system of marine protected areas. The Departments of Commerce and the Interior plan to work closely with state, territorial, local, and tribal governments, as well as other stakeholders, to identify and inventory the nation's existing marine protected and managed areas. Toward this end, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) have created a dataform to be used as a survey tool to collect and analyze information on these existing sites. This survey will allow NOAA and DOI to

better understand and evaluate the existing protections for marine resources within marine protected and managed areas in the United States.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal Government.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 4-2002]

Foreign-Trade Zone 7—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Application for Subzone, Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C., (Pharmaceutical Products), Las Piedras, Puerto Rico

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 7, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the pharmaceutical manufacturing plant of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C. in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on January 10, 2002.

Schering-Plough's Las Piedras plant (3 bldgs./401,814 sq. ft. (including 84,814 square feet proposed) on 40 acres) is located at State Road No. 183, Km 2.6, Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. The facility (500 employees) produces finished pharmaceutical products and their