

will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft statements 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 statement stage but that 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 those interested in this proposal 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 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Vazquez, District Ranger or Robin Bryant, Interdisciplinary Team Leader may be contacted by phone at (530) 258-2141 for more information about the proposed action and the environmental impact statement or at the Almanor Ranger District, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020.

Responsible Official and Mailing Address: Laurie Tippin, Forest Supervisor, 2550 S. Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130 is the responsible official.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

Laurie Tippin,

Forest Supervisor, Lassen National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meeting will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Wednesday, March 23, 2005. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center located on 400 West Virginia Street in Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. The agenda will include completing the prioritization of projects for the Scenic Recreation Area.

A direct public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the March 23rd by sending them to Designated Federal Official Paul Matter at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Paul Matter; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District,

HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: February 18, 2005.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Kalispell, Montana on March 9th. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss upcoming RAC Projects.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Flathead County Commissioner's Office, Commissioner's Conference Room, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaaren Arnoux, Flathead National Forest, Administrative Assistant, (406) 758-5251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public.

Denise Germann,

Public Affairs Specialist.

Cathy Barbouletos,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Mendocino Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee will meet March 18, 2005, (RAC) in Willits, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Approval of minutes, (2) Public Comment, (3) Sub-committees, (4) Discussion/Approval of projects (Travelers Home and Hellhole trails, canary grass, Middle Fork Eel river barriers), (6) Matters before the group-discussion/action, (9) Next agenda and meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 E. Commercial St., Willits, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Hurt, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Covelo Ranger District, 78150 Covelo Road, Covelo, CA 95428. (707) 983-8503; e-mail rhurt@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by March 15, 2005. Public comment will have the opportunity to address the committee at the meeting.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

Blaine Baker,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta-Trinity National Forest National Recreation Area

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest National Recreation Area will meet at the Redding Convention Center in Redding California on March 5, 2005. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss changes to the Management Guide of the Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. Topics include; reclassification of Recreation Occupancy Vehicles (ROV) based on size rather than amenities, reclassification of ROV permits to "tenure and provisional" and expanding the spectrum of services on Shasta Lake.

The meeting is open to the public. A forum for public input will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to share their comments with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest National Recreation Area.

DATES: March 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Redding Convention Center, 700 auditorium Drive, Redding, California 96001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Odle, Asst. Public Affairs Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public input sessions will be provided and

individuals will have the opportunity to share their comments with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest National Recreation Area.

Dated: February 18, 2005.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue one new and four revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The new standard is Salinity and Sodic Management (610). The revised standards are: Dry Hydrant (432), Forage Harvest Management (511), Access Road (560) and Spoil Spreading (572). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the

NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: February 9, 2005.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

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Notice of a Meeting

February 4, 2005.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 75th Meeting in Columbus, OH on March 3-4, 2005. The Business Session open to the public will convene at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 3. The Agenda items include:

(1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the 74th Meeting.

(3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.

(4) Agency Report.

The focus of the Meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the Arctic. Presentations include a review of the research needs for civil infrastructure in Alaska.

The Business Session will reconvene at 9 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2005. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information: Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,

Executive Director.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Notice of Postponement of Sunshine Act Meeting Scheduled for March 2, 2005

The March 2, 2005, public meeting of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) in connection with its investigation into three separate