

and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be resubmitted with or without names and addresses within thirty days.

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 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 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 EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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 final EIS is scheduled to be available by March 2003. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The responsible official is Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. The responsible official will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. The Palmer Quarry Expansion decision and rationale will be documented in a Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Kathryn J. Silverman,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Red Knight Restoration Project, Winema National Forest, Klamath County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On August 16, 1999, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Red Knight Restoration Project was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 44477). Since the project proposed action has been postponed and the date for any further environmental analysis is unknown, the 1999 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: December 28, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Winema and Fremont National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on January 31-February 1, 2002. The meeting will be held in Room 20 at the Klamath County Courthouse, 316 Main Street, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and end at approximately 4:30 PM. both days. Day 1 agenda topics are: (1) Introductions; (2) Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) overview; (3) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Roles and Responsibilities; (4) RAC Rules and Bylaws; (5) RAC Guidebook Review; (6) RAC Communication; (7) Future meetings and agendas; (8) Project Process for submission; (9) County

Update on Title III Projects; (10) Election of RAC Chairperson; and (11) Public comments. Day 2 will be devoted to a review of Title II projects submitted by the National Forests and making funding recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2002 projects.

All Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Bill Aney, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Paisley Ranger District, Fremont National Forest, PO Box 67, Paisley OR 97636 (541) 943-4401 or Chuck Graham, Forest Supervisor at (541) 947-2151 or 883-6714.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

Charles Graham,

Forest Supervisor, Winema and Fremont National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Central Closed/Estancia Basin (Torrance, Lincoln, and Socorro Counties, et al), EQIP for GPAs, New Mexico

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, in New Mexico, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for:

Central Closed/Estancia Basin

(Torrance, Lincoln and Socorro Counties)

Lower Rio Grande (Sierra and Socorro Counties)

Irrigated Cropland of the Southwest Closed Basins (Dona Ana and Luna Counties)

Lesser Prairie Chicken (Roosevelt, Lea, Chaves and Curry Counties)

Macho/Gallo Watershed (Lincoln County)

Tramperos Creek Watershed (Union and Harding Counties)