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Michael W. Yost,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), denied a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for fresh potatoes that was filed on March 6, 2006, by the Washington State Potato Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that imports did not contribute importantly to a decline in producer prices. During the 2004/2005 marketing year, imports declined by 5.1 percent. Therefore the Washington fresh potato petition did not meet the criteria that imports contributed importantly in a decline in producer prices, a condition required for certifying a petition for TAA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas National Forest; Butte and Plumas Counties, California; Watdog Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to the environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final Environmental Impact Statement to document and clarify the analysis of environmental effects, primarily in the following resource areas: air quality, rare plants and noxious weeds, economics, fire and fuels, hydrology,

recreation, soils, vegetation, and wildlife. Additional maps will be included to provide further information to the public.

DATES: Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)(4)). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in April 2006 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in July 2006.

ADDRESSES: Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971; Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Joyce, Project Leader, Feather River Ranger District, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965; (530) 534-6500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2005. The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement appeared on June 24, 2005. A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were issued on September 15, 2005. The legal notice of the Record of Decision appeared in the Feather River Bulletin on September 28, 2005. The decision was appealed and later withdrawn by the Responsible Official on December 20, 2005.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need remain the same as was described in the FEIS. The purpose of and need for the project has several elements: (1) Implement fuels reduction by proposing defensible fuel profile zone (DFPZ) treatments to provide for fire resiliency and improved fire fighter safety; (2) Implement group selection provisions of the HFQLC Act providing for shifting existing conditions towards desired conditions of an uneven-aged (all-aged), multistory, fire-resilient forest and contributing toward community stability; (3) Provide for reduced impacts of the transportation system on forest resources by implementing road relocation or improvements as part of project access. The purpose and need includes the following restoration opportunities: (1) Promote a more natural forest ecosystem with a higher abundance of hardwoods and create openings around existing California black oaks to stimulate natural regeneration; and (2) Provide for healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystems by implementing restoration projects to

improve fish passage in streams and restore selected streams and meadows.

Proposed Action

The proposed action and alternatives will remain the same as described in the FEIS. These alternatives include varied levels of fuel treatments, group selection timber harvest, and transportation system improvement.

Responsible Official

Jim Peña, Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, PO Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the supplement, the responsible official will decide whether to implement the project based on an alternative in the FEIS or not implement the project at this time.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft supplement environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early state, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft supplement environmental impact 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 supplemental environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion the final supplemental 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, (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 supplemental environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft supplemental 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. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: March 6, 2006.

James M. Peña,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Gold Camp Road Final Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Supplemental Information Report and Record of Decision #2

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Pike National Forest of the Rocky Mountain Region of the Forest Service announces availability of the Final Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final Plan/EIS), Supplemental Information Report (SIR) and Record of Decision #2 (ROD #2) for the Gold Camp Road. The Forest Service is also announcing the agency's decision to restore and open a collapsed railroad tunnel and reopen a closed section of Gold Camp Road to one-way traffic, with a third party partner to operate the 8.5-mile segment of road (Modified Alternative E). The objective of the management plan for the road is to best accommodate public use and access to National Forest System lands and nearby private in-holdings while maintaining public safety and the

historic character of the road. The affected road segment has been closed since 1988 for safety reasons.

On December 6, 2005, the Forest Service withdrew the original ROD. During this initial appeal process, five appeals were received. The Forest Service contacted each appellant and notified them that a ROD #2 would be issued and a new appeal process will be started.

No changes were made to the Final Plan/EIS, however, a Supplemental Information Report (SIR) is incorporated into the Final Plan/EIS. The SIR does not introduce new information, rather provides a greater detailed understanding of contents within the Final Plan/EIS and the intended effects they have on the Modified Alternative E.

DATES: The appeal period for the decision will be 45 days from the date of publication in the Pueblo Chieftain Newspaper on April 2, 2006. The appeal period will be 45 consecutive calendar days and closing at midnight on May 17, 2006.

Document Availability: The Final Plan/EIS, SIR and ROD #2 are available on the Internet at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/projects/gold_camp/. Copies of the Final Plan/EIS, SIR and ROD #2 may be obtained by contacting the Pikes Peak Ranger District, 601 S. Weber St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Phone number is 719-636-1602.

Appeal Process: Must be postmarked, delivered or electronic mail received before midnight on May 17, 2006. Notice of Appeal may be sent by U.S. Mail to: USDA-Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225. Notice of Appeal sent by other than U.S. Mail or dropped off in person to: Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, U.S.D.A. Forest Service—Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms Street, Lakewood CO. 80401. Electronic Appeals may be sent to: appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Landis, Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner, Pikes Peak Ranger District, at the address listed above or by telephone at 719-477-4203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Plan/EIS, SIR and ROD #2 are also available for inspection at the following public libraries in Colorado: Penrose Public Library—20 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903 East Library—5550 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

The Forest Service announced in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 39401, June 30,

2004) that the agency intended to prepare an EIS addressing the possible Federal action of preparing a plan for the Gold Camp Road and inviting comments on the scope of the EIS. Comments were received from April 12 through August 17, 2004 and were considered in the Draft Plan/EIS.

Notices of availability were published in the **Federal Register** for the Gold Camp Road Draft Plan/EIS by the Forest Service (70 FR 2605, January 14, 2005) and the EPA (70 FR 4119, January 28, 2005). Comments were accepted on the Draft Plan/EIS through March 29, 2005. Comments were considered and the Final Plan/EIS was prepared based on agency and public input. The Final Plan/EIS contains a new preferred alternative that incorporates elements of three of the other action alternatives.

A ROD #2 accompanies the Final Plan/EIS and SIR. The ROD #2 accompanying the Final Plan/EIS and SIR are subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215.

Reviewers are obligated to structure their participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewer's position and contentions, [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDS*, 435 U.S. 519, 553, (1978)]. Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completing the Final EIS [*City of Angoon v. Hodel* (9th Circuit 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris* 490 F. Suppl. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)].

This notice is provided pursuant to federal regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Availability of Funds; Multi-Family Housing, Single Family Housing; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service is correcting a notice published March 20, 2006 [71 FR 14056-14070]. The action is taken to correct the listing of the State Office addresses on pages 14062 and 14063. The list is attached at the end of the document.