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Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding livestock disease surveillance programs, contact Ms. Connie J. Osmundson, Financial Analyst, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, VS, APHIS, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 663-7571. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Specimen Submission.

OMB Number: 0579-0090.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for, among other things, preventing the interstate spread of livestock diseases and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

In connection with this mission, the Veterinary Services (VS) program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducts disease surveillance programs. The VS Form 10-4 and its supplemental sheet (VS Form 10-4A) are critical components of these programs. They are routinely used whenever specimens (such as blood, milk, tissue, or urine) from any animal (including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, and poultry) are submitted to our National Veterinary Services Laboratories for disease testing.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: State veterinarians, accredited veterinarians, animal health technicians, other State personnel who are qualified and authorized to collect and submit specimens for laboratory analysis, and herd owners.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 14,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.

Estimated annual number of responses: 28,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 7,000 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May 2006.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas National Forest; Beckwourth Ranger District, California; Beckwourth Ranger District Tall Whitetop Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service Plumas National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to eradicate populations of the noxious weed tall whitetop (*Lepidium latifolium*), along the Middle Fork of the Feather River approximately one-mile southwest of the town of Beckwourth.

DATES: Although comments will be accepted throughout any phase of this project, it would be most helpful if comments on the scope of the analysis

were received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice of intent in the **Federal Register**. The draft EIS is expected in September 2006 and the final EIS is expected in January 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Acting District Ranger, Ronald L. Baer, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103. Fax: (530) 836-0493. Comments may be: (1) Mailed to the Responsible Official; (2) hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays Pacific Time; (3) faxed to (530) 836-0493; or (4) electronically mailed to: comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas@fs.fed.us. Comments submitted electronically must be in Rich Text Format (.rtf).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry R. Miller, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District, P.O. Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103 (530) 836-2575.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Project Location

The project area is one-mile southwest of the town of Beckwourth, T23N, R14E Sec. 26, 27, 28, and 29. It is comprised of the river corridor on either side of the junction of county road A-23 and highway 70.

Purpose and Need for Action

The effects of eradicating a noxious weed using an integrative pest management strategy will be analyzed in this EIS. The purpose of the project is to eradicate tall whitetop in the project area. Tall whitetop is invading the project area along the Middle Fork of the Feather River at a rapid rate. In 2003 there was one known location. Currently there are eighty-six tall whitetop locations. These locations total an estimated 36,000 plants over approximately 8 total acres. Hand pulling, over the last four years, at the original known site has proven ineffective for controlling the relatively small population there. Without effective treatment tall whitetop would continue to spread, invading additional acres nearby and potentially spreading throughout the entire corridor of the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

Proposed Action

Scattered populations of the noxious weed, tall whitetop, would be treated in order to eradicate it from the 844-acre project area. These scattered areas total approximately 8 acres, less than 1 percent of the project area.

A three-step process would be used over a period of five years to ensure successful eradication of tall whitetop from the project area. First plants would

be mechanically removed by hand pulling or mowing. Then resprouting plants would be chemically treated with herbicides. The three herbicides that are being proposed for use are glyphosate (such as Rodeo™), 2,4-D (such as Weedar 64™), and chlorsulfuron (such as Telar™). Finally, the areas would be seeded with native grasses to revegetate the areas.

Herbicide treatments would be designed to be as effective as possible in eradicating noxious weeds while protecting sensitive resources. By using different herbicides on uplands (areas upslope from the river) and floodplains (areas along the river), treatments would balance effectiveness and resource protection.

Upland habitat in the project area consists of 504 acres, of which two areas totaling 50 square feet are currently infested with tall whitetop. Within this area the use of more persistent herbicides will be prescribed for this area and if new populations are discovered in this habitat over the life of the project. Chlorsulfuron has the necessary persistence and selectivity to be the most effective choice for treatment in upland areas where water quality and riparian habitats are not affected. The advantage of using this herbicide is that the treatment is more effective. Therefore, the number of times the area will be retreated is limited.

Floodplains can generally be described as the area between the water's edge and its high water line. Floodplains make up 340 acres in the project area. Currently, most of the tall whitetop, approximately 8 acres, within the project area exists within the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Feather River. The least persistent herbicides (glyphosate and the amine formulation of 2,4-D) would be used in the floodplain area where the intent is to minimize any opportunity for residual chemicals to be present in the soil and wash or leach into the watercourse. Herbicides selected for these areas are those approved for use because they are proven to have the lowest potential impacts to water and aquatic species and related habitat. The application of herbicides in these areas would occur after the last high water event of the season, with ample time allowed for chemical degradation prior to the first high water event of the next year. It is anticipated that chemical treatment in the floodplain zone would occur from May through July.

The proposed herbicides and their maximum application rates in acid equivalent per acre or active ingredient per acre are 2,4-D (1.9 lbs AE/ac), Glyphosate (3.0 lbs AE/ac),

Chlorsulfuron (1.125 oz a.i./ac/). In addition to the specific herbicides, the additive R-11 and a colorant would be utilized. R-11 is a spreader/activator that improves the activity and penetration of the herbicide by reducing surface tension, allowing the herbicide mixture to spread evenly over the surface of the vegetation. The colorant is added to indicate where the herbicide has been applied.

Lead Agency: The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this proposal.

Responsible Official: Beckwourth Ranger District Acting District Ranger, Ronald L. Baer is the responsible official. Beckwourth Ranger District, P.O. Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether to implement this project as proposed, implement the project based on an alternative to this proposal that is formulated to resolve identified issues or not implement this project at this time. The responsible official will be the Beckwourth Ranger District Acting District Ranger.

Scoping Process

Public questions and comments regarding this proposal are an integral part of this environmental analysis process. Comments will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives to the proposed action. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible.

A copy of the proposed action and/or a summary of the proposed action will be mailed to adjacent landowners, as well as to those people and organizations that have indicated a specific interest in the Beckwourth Ranger District Tall Whitetop project, to Native American entities, and federal, state and local agencies. The public will be notified of any meetings regarding this proposal by mailings and press releases sent to the local newspaper and media. There are no meetings planned at this time.

Permits or Licenses Required: None.

Comment

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the EIS. Our desire is to receive substantive comments on the merits of the proposed action, as well as comments that address errors, misinformation, or information that has been omitted. Substantive comments are defined as comments within the scope of the proposal, that have a direct

relationship to the proposal, and that include supporting reasons for the responsible official's consideration.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review: A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft 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 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 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 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 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 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.

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: May 1, 2006.

Ronald L. Baer,
Acting District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, May 15, 2006. The meeting will include routine business, and discussion and recommendation of fifteen (15) previously submitted project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 15, 2006, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Talley, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4423 or electronically at rtalley@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Margaret J. Boland,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests' Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on May 18 at 7 p.m. in Thompson Falls, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: May 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Thompson Falls Courthouse, 1111 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Hojem, Designated Federal Official (DFO), District Ranger, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 826-3821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics include reviewing progress on current RAC projects, and receiving public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Clark Fork Valley Press, and Sanders County Ledger.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

Randy Hojem,
DFO, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act; Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 2-3 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)). In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b-k.(c)(2) and (6)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Carol Booker at (202) 203-4545.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Carol Booker,
Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 16-2006]

Foreign-Trade Zone 202 Los Angeles, California, Application for Subzone, Sony Electronics, Inc., (Audio, Video, Communications and Information Technology Products and Accessories), Los Angeles, Carson and Lynwood, California

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, grantee of FTZ 202, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the warehousing and distribution facilities of Sony Electronics, Inc. (Sony), located in Los Angeles, Carson and Lynwood, California. 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 April 28, 2006.

The Sony facilities (250 employees) consist of five sites on 65 acres: *Site 1* (21.5 acres) is located at 2201 East Carson St., Carson; *Site 2* (20.1 acres) is located at 1651 E. Glenn Curtiss St., Carson; *Site 3* (1 acre) is located at 6041 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles; *Site 4* (7 acres) is located at 1071 E. 233rd St., Carson; and *Site 5* (15 acres) is located at 2700 E. Imperial Highway, Lynwood. The facilities are used for the storage, distribution, packaging, kitting, inspecting, testing and repair of audio, video, communications and information technology products and accessories.

Zone procedures would exempt Sony from customs duty payments on products that are re-exported. Some 5 percent of the products are re-exported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the facilities and entered for consumption. FTZ designation would further allow Sony to utilize certain customs procedures resulting in increased efficiencies for its logistics and distribution operations. In addition, Sony is requesting authority to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to digital camera and camcorder kits (HTS 8525.40, duty