

this allotment (current permits would be terminated as they expire). Other alternatives will consider grazing under other combinations of number and type of livestock, grazing systems (including a rotation system), season and timing of use, and associated improvements, mitigation, and monitoring.

A decision will be made on whether or not to continue authorizing grazing on the North Rich Allotment, and if so, under what management system and with what improvements. If the decision is made to continue authorizing grazing, term grazing permits, issued by the Logan Ranger District, would authorize this use.

The public is invited to submit comments or suggestions at the address above. Comments from the January 1999 scoping will be incorporated into the analysis and need not be resubmitted. The responsible official is Brian Ferebee, District Ranger. A Draft EIS is expected to be filed in April of 2000 and the final EIS is scheduled to be filed in September of 2000.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate during that time. To be most helpful, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see The Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that the 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). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final EIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure 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.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Brian Ferebee,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 7, 2000, at the Convention Center, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Highway 50, Stateline, NV. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998, (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998, (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 7, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Convention Center, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Highway 50, Stateline, NV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Gee or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committees. Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Budget Subcommittee, Communications Subcommittee & Watershed Assessment Subcommittee Reports; (2) California, Nevada and Federal Land Acquisition Processes; (3) Status of Renewing the Charter; (4) Washoe Lake Access; (5) Updating the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP); (6) Open Public Comment; (7) Vehicle Miles Traveled, US Postal Service Master Plan; (8) Status Report on the Lake Tahoe Science Advisory Team; (9) Lake Tahoe Watershed Assessment, Adaptive Management. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the

secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

Maribeth Gustafson,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section 4 of the Iowa State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Iowa NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Iowa that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in Section 4, Practice Standards and Specifications #600, Terrace and #620, Underground Outlet to account for improved technology. These practices can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before March 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Suite 693, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; at 515/284-4260; fax 515/284-4394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law 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 will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Leroy Brown,

State Conservationist.

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