

A notice announcing the availability of the Forest Service's final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 2005 (70 FR 47199), and a notice announcing that the Forest Service's record of decision had been signed on August 3, 2005, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2005 (70 FR 50297). APHIS has independently reviewed the EIS and has concluded its comments and suggestions have been satisfied. APHIS has adopted the final EIS and has prepared a record of decision that is now available to the public. In addition to the Web site location provided in **ADDRESSES** above, the final EIS and Forest Service's record of decision are available for viewing at the following locations between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays:

- Nebraska National Forest Supervisor's Office, 125 North Main St., Chadron, NE;
 - Pine Ridge Ranger District, 1240 W. 16th St., Chadron, NE;
 - Bessey Ranger District, State Spur 86B off Hwy 2, Halsey, NE;
 - Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District, 1801 Highway 18 Truck Bypass, Hot Springs, SD;
 - Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Wall Ranger District, 708 Main Street, Wall, SD; and
 - Fort Pierre National Grassland, 1020 N. Deadwood St., Ft. Pierre, SD.
- CDs of the final EIS are available for viewing at the following area public libraries:

- Rawlins Municipal Library, 1000 East Church St., Pierre SD;
- Wall City Community Library, 407 Main St., Wall, SD;
- Oglala Lakota College Library, Piya Wiconi Center, Kyle, SD;
- Pine Ridge College Center Library, Pine Ridge, SD;
- Lower Brule Tribal Office, 187 Oyate Circle, Lower Brule, SD;
- Rapid City Public Library, 610 Quincy St., Rapid City, SD;
- Rapid City Public Library, 300 6th St., Rapid City, SD;
- Hot Springs Public Library, 1543 Baltimore St., Hot Springs, SD; and
- Chadron Public Library, 507 Bordeaux St., Chadron, NE.

The APHIS-WS record of decision has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and

(4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of November, 2005.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has scheduled its next two regular meetings. The first meeting will take place Friday, December 9, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony), and Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. This meeting will be held in Petersburg, Alaska. The second meeting will take place on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony), and on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. This meeting will take place in Wrangell, Alaska. The purpose of both of these meetings is in review submitted projects and potentially make funding recommendations pursuant to title II, Public Law 106–363, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the “Payments to States” Act. Public testimony regarding the proposals will also be taken at each meeting.

DATES: The first meeting will take place in Petersburg, Alaska, on Friday, December 9, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. The second meeting will take place in Wrangell, Alaska on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 5:15 p.m., and on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The December meeting will take place at the Scandia House Hotel Conference Room, 110 N. Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska. The January meeting will take place at the James and Elsie Nolan Center, 1096 Outer Drive, Wrangell, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patty Grantham, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK

99833, Phone (907) 772–3871, e-mail pagrantham@fs.fed.us, or Mark Hummel, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99833, e-mail mhummel@fs.fed.us. Toll-free conference calling is available for each of these meetings; please call or e-mail for specific information. For further information on RAC history, operations, and the application process, a Web site is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/payments>. Once in the Web site, follow the links to the Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will focus on the review and discussion of proposals received by the RAC for funding under Title II of the Payments to States legislation (Pub. L. 106–393). New proposals (initial reading) may be discussed at the meetings. The committee may make recommendations for project funding during the meetings. A field trip to review proposals proximate to both the Wrangell and Petersburg, Alaska areas may take place in conjunction with the meetings. Both meetings are open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee during that time.

Dated: November 10, 2005.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the purpose of conducting business as it relates to the planning of RAC Project Proposal workshops in the winter of 2006. The RAC will also discuss budget and other outstanding business. The RAC is authorized under the provisions of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Klamath Ranger District Office located at 1936 California Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603. Send written comments to Fremont and

Winema Resource Advisory Committee, c/o USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 67, Paisley, OR 97636, or electronically to agowan@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Gowan, Designated Federal Official, c/o Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097, telephone (530) 841-4421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include time for RAC proposal workshop planning, funding review and 2002 to 2005 project status report. 1 All Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. There will be a time for public input and comment. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Dated: November 16, 2005.

Amy A. Gowan,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Advertising and Sponsorship in Connection With Concessions Involving Privately Owned Improvements on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of interim directive; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive (ID) revising direction in Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2340.03 governing advertising and sponsorship in connection with concessions involving privately owned improvements operated under special use permits on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The ID allows holders of concession permits to advertise inside buildings and other interior spaces that they own, subject to certain conditions, and encourages cooperative relationships and sponsorships that promote public participation in the management of NFS lands. The Forest Service is requesting comment from the public on the provisions contained in this ID in order to develop a final policy. The ID will be in effect until removed or adoption of a final policy through an amendment to FSM 2340.03.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments by mail to USDA, Forest Service, Attention:

Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff (2340), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125 or by facsimile to Carolyn Holbrook, 202-205-1145, or by e-mail to hr2300@fs.fed.us. Comments also may be submitted by following the instructions at the federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulation.gov>. If comments are sent by e-mail or facsimile, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments via mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the ID, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and where possible reference the specific wording being addressed.

All comments on the ID, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this ID in the Office of the Director, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff, 4th Floor Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1399 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff, (202) 205-1399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background and Need

Encouraging Investment Through Limited Advertising and Recognition of Cooperators and Sponsors

The Forest Service regulates the provision of concession services to the public by private individuals and entities that own and operate recreational facilities and services on NFS lands (concessionaires). These facilities and services, which are authorized by special use permits, enhance opportunities for the public to recreate on NFS lands. Concessionaires are the primary contact for many people visiting National Forests, and they often provide information and education to the public about the National Forests. Thus, concessionaires, such as resort, marina, and ski area operators, greatly assist the Forest Service in providing information and services to the public.

The Forest Service wants to encourage concessionaires to promote public participation in the management of NFS lands by proposing public services, evaluating solutions to specific natural resource management problems, and

promoting conservation awareness and public health and safety. These endeavors may cost money without generating a return on investment by the concessionaires. Concessionaires have encouraged the agency to consider sponsorship and advertisement as ways to generate funding for these types of activities.

Proposed Changes to FSM 2343.03

Paragraph 11. Paragraph 11 has been revised to allow concessionaires to advertise products and services inside buildings and other interior spaces they own, including chairlift restraining bars facing the rider. However, paragraph 11 does not allow display of the Forest Service shield or other agency symbols in conjunction with product or service names or advertisements to avoid any other appearance of agency endorsement of products or services. Paragraph 11 allows exterior signage that merely identifies the types of goods or services provided within the permitted facilities with prior written approval from the authorized officer. Except for short-term special events provided for in paragraph 12(c), advertising outside of buildings or interior spaces owned by the concessionaire or along roads on NFS lands is prohibited.

Current paragraph 12. Current paragraph 12 has been renumbered as paragraph 13 in the ID. No other changes were made to this paragraph.

New Paragraph 12. New Paragraph 12 encourages cooperative relationships and sponsorships that promote public participation in the management of NFS lands, including programs or projects that involve public services, evaluate solutions to specific natural resource management problems, or promote conservation awareness or public health and safety. Paragraph 12 requires that these programs or projects have prior written approval from the authorized officer and that they include a plan that describes the program or project; its duration, objective, outcome, and target audience; and communication or marketing strategies for the program or project.

Paragraph 12(a) allows cooperator or sponsor recognition only during and within the proximity of the program or project and, to the extent practical, requires that the recognition be integrated into the program or project so that participants and spectators can make a clear connection between the cooperator or sponsor and the public service being provided. In addition, paragraph 12(a) prohibits recognition of cooperators or sponsors on government vehicles.