

Sawtooth Forest Plan already provides most of the specific restoration objectives for many of the Forest's species of greatest conservation concern associated with the forested biological communities. Because of this, the Sawtooth Forest Plan will require only the identification of priority watersheds for restoration and minor amendments to management direction. Preliminary assessment results indicate that the effects of implementing the proposed plan amendment should have only minor environmental effects to the forested biological community on the Sawtooth NF, as well as outputs and services envisioned under the 2003 Forest Plan.

Dated: June 28, 2010.

Terence O. Clark, III,

Acting Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Rehabilitation of Floodwater Retarding Structure No. 10 of the Mountain Creek Watershed, Ellis County, TX

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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 Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of Floodwater Retarding Structure No. 10 of the Mountain Creek Watershed, Ellis County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501-7682, Telephone (254) 742-9800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not

needed for this project. The project will rehabilitate Floodwater Retarding Structure No. 10 to maintain the present level of flood control benefits and comply with the current performance and safety standards.

Rehabilitation of the site will require the dam to be modified to meet current performance and safety standards for a high hazard dam. The modification will consist of raising the net elevation of the top of dam elevation 3.1 feet to 602.4 feet, install a new two-stage principal spillway (standard drop inlet type) with a port at elevation 575.14 feet and crest at elevation 576.8 feet, install a new 42 inch pipe, and install an impact basin to replace the existing plunge pool. The new principal spillway crest elevation will be raised by 1.5 feet. Flatten the back slope to a 3½:1 slope, lime treat the embankment slopes, and install a new toe drain system along back toe of dam. Lower the crest of the auxiliary spillway 1.4 feet to elevation 592.6 feet and reshape the outlet section of the auxiliary spillway. All disturbed areas will be planted to adapted native and/or introduced plant species. The proposed work will not have a significant effect on any prime farmland, endangered or threatened species, wetlands, or cultural resources.

Federal assistance will be provided under authority of the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 (Section 313, Pub. L. 106-472). Total project cost is estimated to be \$2,805,600, of which \$1,981,100 will be paid from the Small Watershed Rehabilitation funds and \$824,500 from local funds.

The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 28, 2010.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ashley National Forest, UT, High Uintas Wilderness—Colorado River Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Ashley National Forest in cooperation with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) proposes to restore genetically pure Colorado River cutthroat trout (CRCT; *Onchorhynchus clarki pleuriticus*) populations to suitable habitats within the High Uintas Wilderness. Implementation of this proposal would require the use of rotenone (a fish toxicant) to remove competing and hybridizing nonnative fish species from selected streams and lakes within the High Uintas Wilderness on the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District. Nonnative fish species to be removed are primarily brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), Yellowstone cutthroat trout (*Onchorhynchus clarki bouvieri*) and hybridized cutthroat trout. Removal of nonnative fish is necessary to enhance habitat and restore genetically pure CRCT populations to suitable habitats within the High Uintas Wilderness.

Headwater subdrainages and basins proposed to be treated and monitored over a period of ten or more years include selected lakes and associated stream segments in the Garfield Basin and Swasey Hole in the Yellowstone River drainage, Fish Creek (a tributary to Moon Lake), Ottoson Basin and Oweep Creek in the Lake Fork River drainage, and Fall Creek in the Rock Creek drainage.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by August 5, 2010. The draft environmental impact statement is expected February 2011 and the final environmental impact statement is expected June 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Ron Brunson, Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District, P.O. Box 981, Duchesne, Utah 84021. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to rbrunson@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (435) 781-5215.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Brunson at (435) 781-5202 or e-mail rbrunson@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The High Uintas Wilderness contains historic range and some of the most remote and pristine habitat suitable for CRCT. However, nonnative trout species threaten the continued existence of CRCT populations within these headwater basins. Lakes and streams within headwater basins were strategically selected based on essential habitat characteristics. These characteristics primarily include the presence of good spawning habitat which allows the persistence of self-sustaining trout populations and the ability of the selected area to resist re-invasion of nonnative trout species from reaches downstream through the presence of migration barriers.

CRCT are currently cooperatively managed as a conservation species among the states of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Ute Tribe Fish and Game Department. The CRCT is designated as a species of special concern by Colorado and Wyoming, and a Tier I specie in Utah (those species that are either federally listed or for which a conservation agreement has been implemented). The CRCT is classified as a sensitive species by Regions 2 and 4 of the USFS and by the BLM in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

Expanding populations of nonnative brook trout, remnant populations of Yellowstone cutthroat trout and cutthroat trout hybrids continue to threaten populations of native CRCT within the High Uintas Wilderness on the Ashley National Forest. Brook trout continue to displace CRCT within suitable habitat and Yellowstone cutthroat trout and their hybrids threaten genetically pure populations of CRCT with hybridization.

The underlying need for action is to remove competing brook trout and

preserve the integrity of genetically pure populations of native CRCT. This would be accomplished by treating lakes and streams within selected drainage basins with the piscicide rotenone to remove the threat of competition and hybridization of nonnative trout. Following treatment of selected waters, CRCT would be reintroduced through stocking of fingerlings obtained from the well developed South Slope brood population maintained in Sheep Creek Lake.

The purpose statement includes goals to be achieved while meeting the need for the project. These goals are used to evaluate alternatives proposed to meet the need. The Forest Service will use the following purposes to select among the alternatives:

- The Forest Service is a partner and signatory to the Colorado River Cutthroat Trout Conservation Agreement and Strategy. This action would help the Forest Service demonstrate support and commitment to Colorado River cutthroat trout conservation efforts.
- Enhances administrative efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- Avoids and minimizes adverse environmental impacts.
- Provides the potential to achieve the following biological objectives:
 - Preserve genetic integrity and enhance habitat for pure CRCT populations in the High Uintas Wilderness.
 - Eliminate from headwater lakes and their outflow streams, in a timely manner, hybrid cutthroat trout and brook trout that threaten genetic integrity and out compete CRCT.

Proposed Action

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in cooperation with the Ashley National Forest propose to implement a long-term strategy to treat selected lakes and streams within the High Uintas Wilderness with piscicide (rotenone) to remove competing and hybridizing nonnative trout species. The proposed project area encompasses three drainages within the High Uintas Wilderness, including the Yellowstone River, Lake Fork River and Rock Creek drainages. Within these drainages, strategically selected lakes and streams would be treated.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources—Cooperating Agency.

Responsible Official

Regional Forester—Intermountain Region (R4)

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decisions to be made include the approval of proposed activities within the High Uintas Wilderness, the use of piscicides (fish toxicants) within designated wilderness on National Forest System Lands, seasonal and long-term timing of the action and method of transport for materials, equipment, and personnel to treatment areas. Because the majority of lakes and streams occur within wilderness, methodologies and activities selected for implementation must conform to special land use restrictions as much as possible. Based on the environmental analyses presented in this document, the U.S. Forest Service (FS) will decide whether to approve the use of fish toxins within wilderness and whether to approve the short-term use of aircraft, outboard motors, pumps, and mixers in the wilderness area.

Preliminary Issues

- Impacts to quality of fisheries and angling opportunities may be caused by the proposed action. What is the extent and duration of such impacts?
- Will the proposed action affect aquatic-dependent organisms such as plankton, insects, and amphibians? Will threatened, endangered, and sensitive species be impacted?
 - How will dead fish impact lake habitat and wildlife?
 - Will the use of fish toxins impact water quality in the watershed, including drinking water for humans and animals?
 - Is the use of fish toxins appropriate in the management of wilderness areas?
 - Should the use of aircraft, outboard motors, or any other motorized/mechanized equipment in wilderness be authorized under the administrative exemption clause to expedite the process?
- What economic impacts will be sustained by commercial outfitters? What will be the short- and long-term effects to the local tourism industry?

Permits or Licenses Required

The proposed use of rotenone takes place on National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest. Forest Service directives require that use of pesticides on NFS lands be approved by the Forest Service and that a Pesticide Use Proposal be submitted to and approved by the Forest Service.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In addition, a public

notice requesting scoping comments was published in the newspaper of record (Salt Lake Tribune) on May 3, 2010. On April 27, 2010, the Ashley National Forest mailed a scoping letter and a project area map to affected landowners, tribes, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties to comment on the scope of the proposed action. This information is also available on our Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/>.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: June 21, 2010.

Kevin B. Elliott,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou, OR Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou, OR Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Grants Pass, Oregon. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend projects submitted for funding under Title II of The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, review existing projects, and elect a chairperson.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 20, 2010, 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 101 NW. A Street, Grants Pass, OR in the Grants Pass City Council Chambers. Written comments should be sent to Paul Galloway, Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to pgalloway@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 541-618-2143.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in

the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 541-618-2113 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Galloway, Acting Public Affairs Officer, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, 541-618-2113, pgalloway@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: Elect new chair, review status of FY2009 and FY2010 projects selected by the Siskiyou, OR Resource Advisory Committee, review and recommend FY2011 projects to the Designated Federal Official. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided during the meeting and individuals who are present will have the opportunity to address the Committee during that session.

Dated: June 24, 2010.

Scott D. Conroy,
Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Amador County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Amador County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Sutter Creek, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The RAC will review operating guidelines, review a list of Forest Service projects that are ready for RAC review, establish a public process for receiving project proposals, and set future meeting dates.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 13, 2009 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek, CA JULY 13, 2010, 6 p.m.

Written comments should be sent to Frank Mosbacher; Forest Supervisor's Office; 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to fmosbacher@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530-621-5297.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 530-622-5061 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Mosbacher, Public Affairs Officer, Eldorado National Forest Supervisors Office, (530) 621-5268.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: At that meeting, the RAC will review operating guidelines, review a list of Forest Service projects that are ready for RAC review, establish a public process for receiving project proposals, and set future meeting dates. More information will be posted on the Eldorado National Forest Web site @www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado. A public comment opportunity will be made available following the business activity. Future meetings will have a formal public input period for those following the yet to be developed public input process.

Dated: June 29, 2010.

John Sherman,
Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Placerville, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The agenda