DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Survey and Manage Strategy for National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The original notice of intent (NOI) was published in **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65167).

This notice stated that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were in the process of preparing a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) considering alternatives to make changes in mitigation measures first adopted in the Standards and Guidelines for Management of habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan), and incorporated into planning documents for administrative units of the Forest Service and BLM. This revised NOI changes how the Record of Decision will be issued; changes the Responsible Official; changes what Forest Service planning documents are being amended, corrects the statements concerning appeal procedures; and changes the title of the SEIS. The Final SEIS is expected to be released in May 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hugh Snook, EIS Team Coordinator, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208–3623, telephone (503) 808–2197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A single Record of Decision will be issued and will apply to public lands within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl that are administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. This includes lands in Oregon, Washington, and northern California. The Record of Decision will be signed jointly by the two responsible officials.

The responsible officials for this document have been changed. The responsible official for lands administered by the Forest Service will be the Secretary of Agriculture. The responsible official for public lands administered by the BLM will be the Secretary of Interior.

In addition to Land and Resource Management Plans for National Forests and Resource Management Plans for BLM Districts as listed in the original NOI, selection of an alternative of this SEIS would amend Forest Service Regional Guides for the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest Regions.

The Record of Decision for this SEIS will not be subject to appeal under either Forest Service or BLM appeal procedures. A decision by the Secretary of Agriculture is not subject to administrative appeal under the Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR Part 217). A decision by the Secretary of Interior is not subject to administrative appeal under BLM protest procedures (43 CFR 4.410). Therefore, the Record of Decision will be the final agency for amendment of these standards and guidelines in the applicable planning documents.

In the original NOI, the title for the SEIS was identified as ''Survey an Manage Strategy for National Forests and Bureau of Land management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl''. The changed title more accurately reflects the analysis and decision to be made. Therefore, this title is revised to: ''For Amendment to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and Other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines''.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

Harv Forsgren,

Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service.

April 14, 2000.

Elaine Y. Zielinski,

State Director, Oregon and Washington, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Western Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee Advisory Committee (Provincial Advisory Committee) will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Headquarters, 21905 64th Avenue West, in Mountlake Terrace, WA. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 3 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and discussion of the Finney Adaptive Management Area (AMA), (2) Formulation and evaluation of options for the Finney AMA, (3) Determining how to better utilize active watershed groups, (4) Chilliwack River Monitoring Project, and (5) Salmon of the Skagit River.

In addition to the Advisory Committee meeting, a field trip for Advisory Committee members will take place the previous day, Wednesday, May 17, 2000. Members will tour portions of the Finney basin on the Darrington Ranger District, commencing at 9 a.m. at the Darrington District Office, 1405 Emens Street, Darrington, Washington, and ending back at the same Office about 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the trip is to orient Advisory Committee members to the Finney Adaptive Management Area issues and opportunities. All Western Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Interested citizens are also welcome to join the May 17 field trip; however, they must provide their own transportation.

The Provincial Advisory Committee provides advice regarding ecosystem management for federal lands within the Western Washington Cascades Province, as well as advice and recommendations to promote better integration of forest management activities among federal and non-federal entities. The Advisory Committee is a key element of implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Penny Sundblad, Province Liaison, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Baker Ranger District, 2105 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284 (360–856–5700, Extension 321).

Authority: 5 U.S.C. appendix.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Ronald R. DeHart,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 14–2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 149—Freeport, Texas, Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Brazos River Harbor

Navigation District, grantee of FTZ 149, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Freeport, Texas area, adjacent to the Freeport Customs port of entry. 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 14, 2000.

FTZ 149 was approved on June 28, 1988 (Board Order 385, 53 FR 26096, 7/11/88). The zone project currently consists of the following sites (1,957 acres) within the Port of Freeport and at the Brazoria County Airport: *Site 1* (280 acres)—on F.M. Route 1495 at the Freeport Harbor on the west side of the Brazos River Harbor Channel; *Site 2* (154 acres)—on Holly Street in Quintana, south of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; *Site 3* (1,063 acres)—at the intersection of Highway 288 and F.M. Route 1495; *Site 4* (242 acres)—on F.M. Route 1495, north of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and south of the Brazos River Harbor Channel; *Site 5* (213 acres)—on County Road 723 south of Site 4 and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; and, *Site 6* (5 acres)—located east of the main runway at the Brazoria County Airport.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand its general-purpose zone to enlarge Site 6 at the Brazoria County Airport; add 3 new sites (Proposed Sites 7–9) in the City of Pearland (Brazoria/Harris Counties), 38 miles north of Port Freeport; and, add a new site (Proposed Site 10) in the City of Alvin (Brazoria County), 30 miles north of Port Freeport. *Site 6* will be expanded from 5 acres to 146 acres within the 665-acre Brazoria County Airport/Industrial Park complex. The four new proposed sites are as follows: *Proposed Site 7* (506 acres)—Northern Industrial Complex, adjacent to Highway 35, Pearland (Brazoria County); *Proposed Site 8* (832 acres)—Southern Industrial Complex, 4 miles from the Sam Houston Parkway/Beltway 8, Pearland (Brazoria County); *Proposed Site 9* (146 acres)—Bybee-Sterling Complex, Hooper Road and Sam Houston Parkway, Pearland (Harris County); and, *Proposed Site 10* (8 acres)—Santa Fe Industrial Park, 200 Avenue I, Alvin (Brazoria County). No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 26, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 10, 2000).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service, 2350 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77032

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Michigan Technological University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 00–004. *Applicant:* Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 49931. *Instrument:* Automatic Thin Section Machine. *Manufacturer:* Dansk Beton Teknik A/S, Denmark. Intended Use: See notice at 65 FR 11986, March 7, 2000.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a horizontally mounted rotating diamond impregnated drum under which specimens are repeatedly passed on a sliding platform to minimize damage to cement and asphalt concrete thin sections for microscopic examination. The Federal Highway Administration advises that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Ohio State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 00–005. *Applicant:* Ohio State University, Wooster, OH 44691. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model H–7500–1. *Manufacturer:* Hitachi Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 14245, March 16, 2000. *Order Date:* October 19, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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