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Comment is invited on (1) whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and proper performance of the agency's functions and mission, including whether the information will have practical or programmatic utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 21, 2005.

**Frederick Norbury,**

*National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Chloride Bush Project, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Bonner County, ID**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 23, 2003, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chloride Bush Project on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 60637-60638).

The NOI is canceled because the Idaho Panhandle National Forests no longer intend to proceed with this project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Albert Helgenberg, Project Team Leader, Sandpoint Ranger District, 1500 Highway 2, Suite 110, Sandpoint, ID 83864, telephone: 208-265-6643.

Dated: December 19, 2005.

**Ranotta McNair,**

*Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Plumas National Forest; Plumas County, CA; Empire Vegetation Management Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to the environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final Environmental Impact Statement to document and clarify additional analysis of cumulative environmental effects primarily in five resource areas: Vegetation, Fire/Fuels/Air Quality, Wildlife, Watershed, and Botanical Resources/Noxious Weeds. The supplement will also clarify the discussion of planning areas. Additional details will be added to Appendix D: Proposed Actions for Each Road in Each Watershed and Appendix G: Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions. Additional maps will be included to provide further information to the public.

**DATES:** Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)(4)). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in January 2006 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in April 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971; Mount Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Rotta, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Mt. Hough Ranger District 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-7687.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The prior notice of intent for this project appeared

in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2005. The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement appeared on May 20, 2005. A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were issued on August 9, 2005. The legal notice of the Record of Decision appeared in the Feather River Bulletin on August 24, 2005. The decision was appealed and later reversed on November 18, 2005.

### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need remain the same as was described in the FEIS. In the FEIS, the purpose of and need for the project has three elements: (1) To implement fuel reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and, as part of the larger HFQLG fuel treatment strategic network as called for by the HFQLG Act (Section 401(b)(1) and (d)(1)) and the HFQLG amendment to the LRMP, to reduce the potential size and intensity of wildfires and provide fire suppression personnel safe locations for taking action against wildfires; (2) to implement group selection and individual tree selection, as directed in the HFQLG Act (Section 401(b)(1) and (d)(2)) and the HFQLG amendment to the LRMP, to test the effectiveness of an uneven-aged silvicultural system in achieving an all-aged, multistory, fire resilient forest, providing an adequate timber supply that contributes to the economic stability of rural communities, and improving and maintaining ecological health of the forest; and (3) to reduce impacts of the transportation system on forest resources and provide the necessary access for the fuel treatments and the group and individual tree selection harvests.

### Proposed Action

The proposed action and all alternatives will remain the same as described in the FEIS. These alternatives include varied levels of fuel treatments, group selection timber harvest, individual tree selection harvest and transportation system improvement.

**Responsible Official**

Jim Peña, Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

Based on the supplement, the responsible official will decide whether to implement the project based on an alternative in the FEIS or not implement the project at this time.

**Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review**

A draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft supplemental 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 supplemental 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 supplemental environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final supplemental 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 supplemental environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft supplemental 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: December 20, 2005.

**James M. Peña,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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**ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION**

[USARC 05-123]

**Notice of Meeting**

December 12, 2005.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 78th Meeting in Seattle, WA on January 19-20, 2006. The Business Session open to the public will convene at 9 a.m. Thursday, January 19. The Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.
- (2) Approval of the Minutes of the 77th Meeting.
- (3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.
- (4) Agency Reports.

The focus of the Meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the Arctic. Presentations include a review of the research needs for civil infrastructure in Alaska.

The Business Session will reconvene at 9 a.m. Friday, January 20, 2006. An Executive Session will follow adjournment of the Business Session.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 793-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

**Garrett W. Brass,**  
Executive Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

*Bureau:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* Export Assistance Center Internet Web Site Form.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-4148P.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0237.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Burden:* 700 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* U.S. Export Assistance Centers, which are a combined effort of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Export-Import Bank, and Small Business Administration provides a comprehensive array of export counseling and trade finance services to small and medium-sized U.S. exporting firms. It proposes the extension of the Office of Management and Budget's authorization for this information collection form to continue the usefulness of its interactive website. In addition, this generic form will be used in its entirety or with minor modifications by all U.S. Export Assistance Centers and the Office of Domestic Operations. The form will ask U.S. exporting firm respondents to provide general background information and identify which service(s) they are interested in.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefit.

*Dates:* Written comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov) or fax (202) 395-7285 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.