

presence of FMD, BSE, and related diseases in domestic and imported livestock, livestock and animal products, wildlife, and blood products;

- Recommendations to reduce and manage the risks of FMD, BSE, and related diseases;

- Any plans of the Secretary to identify, prevent, and control FMD, BSE, and related diseases in domestic and imported livestock, livestock products, wildlife, and blood products;

- A description of the incidence and prevalence of FMD, BSE, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob (vCJD) disease and related diseases in other countries;

A description and an analysis of the effectiveness of the measures taken to assess, prevent, and control the risks of FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases in other countries;

- A description and an analysis of the effectiveness of the measures that the public, private, and nonprofit sectors have taken to assess, prevent, and control the risk of FMD, BSE, and related diseases in the United States, including controls of ports of entry and conveyances;

- A description of the measures taken to prevent and control the risk of BSE and vCJD transmission through blood collection and transfusion; and

- A description of any measures (including any planning or managerial initiatives such as interagency, intergovernmental, international, and public-private sector partnerships) that any Federal agency plans to initiate or continue to assess, prevent, and control the spread of FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases in the United States and other countries.

The final report shall also provide plans and recommendations in the following areas:

- Plans by Federal agencies (including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) to monitor the incidence and prevalence of the transmission of FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases in the United States and to assess the effectiveness of efforts to prevent and control the spread of FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases in the United States;

- Plans by Federal agencies (including the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and the National Institutes of Health) to carry out, in partnership with the private sector, research programs into the causes and mechanism of transmission of FMD and BSE and diagnostic tools and preventative and therapeutic agents for FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases; and

- Plans for providing appropriate compensation for affected animals in the event of the introduction of FMD, BSE, or related diseases into the United States.

Provisions for the final report also include recommendations to Congress for legislation that will improve efforts to assess, prevent, or control the transmission of FMD, BSE, vCJD, and related diseases in the United States and in other countries.

We welcome all comments on the issues discussed above and encourage the submission of ideas on any associated topics or other suggestions for the evaluation of disease risk assessment, prevention, and control processes. We will use the information gathered through this notice and the public meeting to assist us in developing the report to Congress.

You may submit your postal or electronic comments to the addresses provided at the beginning of this notice under the heading **ADDRESSES**. In addition, we will be hosting a public meeting to provide interested persons a full opportunity to orally present any data, views, suggestions, and questions. The public meeting will be held on Friday August 24, 2001, at the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, Conference Rooms C and D, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A representative of APHIS will preside at the public meeting. Any interested person may appear and be heard in person, by attorney, or by other representative. Written statements may be submitted and will be made part of the meeting record. Persons who wish to speak at the meeting will be asked to provide their name and organization. We ask that anyone who reads a statement or submits a written statement provide two copies to the presiding officer at the meeting.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, please register in advance by sending an e-mail message to William.O.Macheel@aphis.usda.gov or by calling Mr. Macheel (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The message should contain your name, telephone number, organization, if any, and an estimate of the time you need to speak.

On-site registration for the public meeting will take place outside the meeting room from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The public meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 12:00 p.m., local time. However, the meeting may be terminated at any time after it begins if all persons desiring to speak have been heard. If the number of speakers at a meeting warrants it, the presiding officer may limit the time for

presentations so that everyone wishing to speak has the opportunity.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center. The machine accepts \$1 bills or quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the Animal Disease Risk Assessment, Prevention, and Control public meeting. Identification is required. Security personnel will direct visitors to the registration tables located outside of Conference Rooms C and D. Registration upon arrival is necessary for all participants.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of August 2001.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Establishment of Cougar Bar Purchase Unit, Nez Perce County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On February 27, 2001, the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, created the Cougar Bar Purchase Unit. This purchase unit comprises 363.40 acres, more or less, within Nez Perce County, Idaho. A copy of the establishment document, which includes the legal description of the lands within the purchase unit, appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Establishment of this purchase unit was effective February 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the purchase unit is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director, Lands Staff, 4th Floor-South, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect the map are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1248 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Craven, Director, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

Dated: July 30, 2001.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

Associate Chief for Natural Resources.

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUGAR BAR PURCHASE UNIT
NEZ PERCE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**

The following described lands lying adjacent to the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are determined to be suitable for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams and for other purposes in accordance with section 6 of the Weeks Act of 1911 (16 U.S.C. 515). Therefore, in furtherance of the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Weeks Act of 1911, as amended, including section 17 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-588; 90 Stat. 2961), these lands are hereby designated and established as the Cougar Bar Purchase Unit:

Boise Meridian

T. 30 N., R. 4 W.

Sec. 6, lots 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, N1/2SE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4SE1/4,

Sec. 7, E1/2NE1/4NE1/4.

Containing 363.40 acres, more or less.

Executed in Washington, D.C., this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 2001.

/s/ David P. Tenny

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Acting Deputy Under Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, and West Oklahoma Amendment of Land and Resource Management Plans in the Southwestern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service is planning to prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to amend National Forest land and resource management plans to modify standards and guidelines for Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk within wildland-urban interface areas and to emphasize the management of wildland-urban interface areas throughout the southwest. The amendment would modify applicable standards and