

The comment period on the draft 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 it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that 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 environmental impact statement stage, but are not raised until after completion of the final 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 the 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 be meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

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

Tentative Project Schedule:

Begin Comment Period—April, 2000; Comment Period Ends—May 26, 2000; Draft EIS—September 30, 2000; Final EIS—January, 2001; Record of Decision—March 2001.

Responsible Official: Jack A. Blackwell, USDA Forest Service Intermountain Regional Supervisor, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401.

For Further Information Contact: Ken Gould, (801) 342-5100 or at the address listed previously.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Willamette Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Action of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on Thursday, June 15, 2000. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Information sharing by

PAC members, (2) Threatened and Endangered Species update—spotted owl, Canada lynx, (3) Public forum, (4) Presentation and discussion on FS Roadless area conservation DEIS, (5) PAC discussion and advice on rechartering membership.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes and the total time allotted for the Public Forum will be 40 minutes. Written comments may be submitted prior to the June 15 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest; 211 East Seventh Avenue; Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 04/15/2000-05/26/2000

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Bulk-Tainers Corp	20 Erie Street, Belmont, NY 14813	18-Apr-2000	Large storage tanks made of carbon and stainless steel.
North Star Ice Equipment Corp	8151 Occidental Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98108.	19-Apr-2000	Ice making machines and equipment.
Nafta Textile Mills, L.L.C	315 Old River Road, Manville, RI 02838	25-Apr-2000	Woven fabrics of natural and synthetic materials.
Lapco Manufacturing, Inc	98 Glenwood Street, Morgan City, LA 70380.	25-Apr-2000	Cotton work shirts.
Nomad USA	3209 Washington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607.	25-Apr-2000	Baseball caps.
Jorgensen Forge	8531 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, WA 98108.	26-Apr-2000	Pipe collars and billets and other forgings for the aerospace, oil, aircraft, automotive and shipbuilding industries.
Hillcrest Knitting Mills, Inc.,	908 S. Evans Street, Uvalde, Texas 78801.	26-Apr-2000	Cotton sweaters.