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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Food Security Advisory Committee of the Board of International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Food Security Advisory Committee (FSAC). The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 23, 2002 in the NASULGC Board Room, ground floor of 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The agenda calls for FSAC to review the draft U.S. statement for the next World Food Summit, solicit civil society input, and report findings and recommendations to the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Food Security.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or to obtain additional information about FSAC may contact Larry Paulson, BIFAD Federal Officer, at the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-072, Washington, DC. 20523-2110; or phone (202)-712-1436, fax (202)-216-3010, or email lpaulson@usaid.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

49 Degrees North Mountain Resort Revised Master Plan, Colville National Forest, Stevens County, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the environmental impacts of a site-specific proposal to revise the master plan and the present special use permit of the Chewelah Basin Ski Corporation, current operator of the 49 Degrees North Mountain Resort. The proposed master plan would replace the existing 1977 master plan. This master plan would expand the ski area from its current size of about 900 acres to 2,100 acres, utilizing the entire area the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan designated for downhill skiing (Management Area 3C). Chewelah Basin Ski Corporation owns about 320 acres adjacent to the current permit area. All or portions of the proposed activities would occur on this private land. The proposal revises the master plan and includes projects that expand downhill skiing capacity and improve the downhill skiing experience, expands the Nordic skiing capacity, develops the associated infrastructure, and includes summer use of the permit area. The proposal may require a minor Forest Plan amendment because the Forest Plan Management Area 3C boundaries do not precisely coincide with the ridge tops. Connected action on adjacent private land, which will be evaluated as part of this proposal, include: (1) Constructing a mid-way lodge; (2) plating and preparing for the development of 120 residential housing units clustered on 32 acres; and (3) transferring one mile of Forest Road 4300473 to Stevens County. Portions of the proposal ski trails, water pipeline, electrical cable would be located on private land. 49 Degrees North Mountain Resort is located approximately 10 miles east of the city of Chewelah, Washington and approximately 50 miles north of the city of Spokane, Washington. The purpose of the EIS will be to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives, including a No Action alternative and possible additional alternatives, to respond to issues identified during the scoping process. Except as described above, the proposed action is in compliance with the direction in the Colville National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan, which provides the overall

guidance for the management area. The Agency invites written comments on the scope of this project. In addition, the agency gives notice of this analysis so that interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and suggestions to Nora B. Rasure, Forest Supervisor, Colville National Forest, 765 South Main, Colville, Washington 99114. Attn: 49 Degrees North Revised Master Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments about this EIS should be directed to Dan Dallas, District Ranger, Newport Ranger District, 315 North Warren, Newport, Washington 99156; phone 509-447-3129.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chewelah Basin Ski Corporation, owner of 49 Degrees North Mountain Resort, has been working to revise their master plan since they purchased the ski area in 1996. The Colville National Forest is initiating this action in response to a proposed revision of the master plan submitted by the corporation.

The proposal would expand downhill skiing capacity and improve the downhill skiing experience by—(1) expanding ski runs from about 540 to 860 acres, (2) expanding tree skiing from about 200 acres to 470 acres, (3) constructing one chair lift, and (4) installing three culverts and extending two culverts on existing ski runs. Develop new Nordic skiing facilities by—(1) developing about 12 miles of cross-country ski trails, and (2) constructing a Nordic ski center with an ice rink. Develop the necessary infrastructure by—(1) expanding the current lodge, (2) expanding the wastewater treatment facility, (3) installing additional water supply pipeline, (4) installing a larger water storage tank, (5) installing more underground electrical cable, (6) expanding the parking and including a small RV park, (7) constructing about 0.75 miles of new primitive road to access work areas, (8) constructing a new maintenance shop, and (9) re-aligning the entrance road. The proposal further includes summer use of the area by—(1) allowing biking and hiking on the Nordic ski trails, and (2) developing a small tent camping area near the Nordic center.