

approval for these wells. The decision will include reasonable measures identified as being needed during this analysis process in addition to any prescribed in the Forest Plan.

Scoping Process

The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from individuals, organizations and federal, state, and local agencies that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action (36 CFR 219.6).

Public comments will be used and disclosed in the environmental analysis documented in the Eagle Prospect EIS. Public participation will be solicited by notifying in person and/or by mail known interested and affected parties. A legal notice and news releases will be used to give the public general notice. Open houses will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2006, at the Bondurant Elementary School in Bondurant and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at the Public Library in Pinedale. Forest Service and PXP representatives will be available to explain the project and answer questions.

A reasonable range of alternatives will be evaluated and reasons will be given for eliminating alternatives from detailed study. A "no-action alternative" is required, meaning that the Surface Use Programs for the APDs under consideration by the BLM and Forest Service would not be approved. Alternatives will provide different access routes and project design criteria in response to public issues, management concerns, and resource opportunities identified during the scoping process. Scoping comments and existing condition reports will also be used to develop alternatives. It is possible that no other action alternative, other than the proposed action, will be determined to be feasible by the environmental analysis.

Preliminary Issues

The Forest Service has identified the following potential issues. No determination has been made as to which issues will be examined in detail in the environmental analysis. Your input will help determine which of these issues merit detailed analysis and will also help identify additional issues related to the proposed action that may not be listed here.

- Effects of improved road access on inventoried roadless areas.
- Effects of improved road access on travel management and enforcement.
- Effects of drilling on groundwater resources and nearby water wells.

- Effects of project activities on streams and watersheds.
- Effects on wetlands and riparian areas.
- Effects of project activities on air quality.
- Effects on the scenic resources and the visual character of the project area.
- Effects on the Hoback Ranches subdivision.
- Rights-of-way across private lands.
- Effects on individuals, property, and highway traffic.
- Effects on local communities, including Bondurant and Pinedale.
- Public safety during project activities.
- Effects on areas with sensitive soils or potential slope stability hazards.
- Effects on recreational uses, including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling.
- Effects on wildlife and fisheries habitats and special status species (threatened and endangered species, sensitive species, and management indicator species).
- Potential for harassment or illegal hunting of wildlife during project activities.
- Potential for vehicle collisions with wildlife or livestock.
- Concern that newly discovered gas resources from the Eagle Prospect could be added to the Lower Valley Energy (LVE) pipeline currently being evaluated by the Forest Service. (Note: The proposed LVE pipeline is a transmission line that will only carry processed gas and will not function as a gathering line that could accommodate unprocessed gas from an exploratory well.)

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

The Draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment in September 2006. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability for the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA 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 the DEIS 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, 533 (1978). Also,

environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) 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 on the DEIS 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 EIS (FEIS).

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed actions, comments on the DEIS 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 DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality 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: January 3, 2006.

Greg W. Clark,

District Ranger, Big Piney Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Kamiah, Idaho, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, January 24th, 2006, in

Grangeville, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on January 24th, 2006, will be held at Super 8 Motel in Grangeville, Idaho, beginning at 10 a.m. (PST). Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 p.m. (PST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 935-2513.

Dated: January 3, 2006.

Ihor Mereszczak,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Fee Site; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Lolo National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of new fee site.

SUMMARY: The Lolo National Forest will begin charging a \$60 fee for the overnight rental of Monture Cabin. Rentals of other cabins on the Lolo National Forest have shown that publics appreciate and enjoy the availability of historic rental cabins. Funds from the rental will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of Monture Cabin.

DATES: Monture Cabin will become available for rent January 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Forest Supervisor, Lolo National Forest, Building 24, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59804.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Blackburn, Recreation Coordinator, 406-677-3924.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lolo National Forest currently has other cabin rentals. These rentals are often fully booked throughout their rental season. A business analysis of Monture Cabin has shown that people desire to have this sort of recreation experience on the Lolo National Forest. A market analysis indicates that the \$60/per night fee is both reasonable and acceptable for this sort of unique recreation experience.

People wanting to rent Monture Cabin will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service, at

<http://www.reserveusa.com> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 fee for reservations.

Dated: January 3, 2006.

Deborah L.R. Austin,

Lolo National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1432]

Grant Of Authority For Subzone Status, Abbott Pharmaceuticals PR LTD. (APPR)/Abbott Diagnostics International Ltd. (formerly Abbott Health Products, Inc.)/Abbott Biotechnology LTD (ABL), (Pharmaceutical Products), Barceloneta, Puerto Rico

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for "... the establishment ... of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 7, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the pharmaceutical intermediate manufacturing plant of Abbott Pharmaceuticals PR LTD. (APPR), Abbott Diagnostics International Ltd. (formerly Abbott Health Products, Inc.), and Abbott Biotechnology LTD (ABL), located in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 23-2005, filed 5-17-05);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 30080, 5/25/05); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the

Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to pharmaceutical products at the manufacturing complex of Abbott Pharmaceuticals PR LTD. (APPR), Abbott Diagnostics International Ltd. (formerly Abbott Health Products, Inc.), and Abbott Biotechnology LTD (ABL), located in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico (Subzone 7I), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including \$ 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 2005.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 123005D]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Scoping Hearings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of scoping hearings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene scoping hearings to solicit comments on two joint amendments: Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp 14 and Joint Reef Fish Amendment 28/Shrimp 15.

DATES: The scoping hearings will held from January 23 - 31, 2006 at 10 locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting addresses: The scoping hearings will be held in the following locations: Brownsville, Port Aransas, and Galveston, Texas; Larose, Louisiana; Pascagoula, Mississippi; Mobile and Orange Beach, Alabama; and Panama City, Tampa, and Key West, Florida. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.