

environmental impact statement is expected November 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Liz Van Genderen, Helena National Forest, 2880 Skyway Dr., Helena, MT 59602. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [comments-northern-Helena@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-Helena@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 406-449-5436.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Van Genderen at 406-449-5201.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Purpose and Need for Action**

Wide-scale tree mortality has occurred due to the mountain pine beetle. This mortality causes changes to fire behavior in the event of a wildfire. Treatment is needed to ensure diverse and sustainable forest stands and to lessen the probability of a catastrophic wildfire which could threaten wildland urban interface areas. The project focuses on reducing hazardous fuels, establishing healthy regeneration, and recovering the economic value of dead trees. In addition, aspen and whitebark pine can be promoted with treatment. The project also seeks to maintain or improve watershed values.

##### **Proposed Action**

Approximately 6,335 acres are proposed for treatment. Roughly 2,000 acres are young stands that established after past harvest and are in need of thinning to ensure they reach viable maturity. The remaining acres are primarily mature stands of lodgepole pine with some Douglas-fir, Engelmann spruce, and subalpine fir with high mountain pine beetle mortality. These acres would be treated using a combination of improvement cuts, regeneration harvests, thinning, and prescribed fire. Post treatment activities

would include approximately 3,800 acres of underburning, site prep, broadcast burning, jackpot burning, and hand piling/burning. In addition, trees that are hazardous to public and historic structures would be removed. Up to 7 miles of new road construction and approximately 5 miles of road reconstruction would be necessary to implement the proposed action.

##### **Responsible Official**

Helena National Forest Supervisor.

##### **Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The decisions to be made include: whether to implement the proposed action or an alternative to the proposed action, what monitoring requirements would be appropriate to evaluate the implementation of this project, and whether a forest plan amendment would be necessary as a result of the decision for this project.

##### **Scoping Process**

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In November 2009, a scoping package will be mailed, an open house will be scheduled, and website information will be posted.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: November 5, 2009.

**Kevin T. Riordan,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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#### **AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Senior Executive Service: Membership of Performance Review Board**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists approved candidates who will comprise a standing roster for service on the Agency's SES Performance Review Board. The Agency will use this roster to select SES board members, and an outside member for the convening SES

Performance Review Board each year. The standing roster is as follows:

Mauricio Vera, Chairperson;  
Angelique Crumbly, Alternate;  
Franklin Moore;  
Susan Pascocello;  
James Peters, Alternate;  
Randy Streufert;  
John Robinson, Outside SES Member.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melissa Jackson, 202-712-1781.

Dated: November 5, 2009.

**Helena Olivares,**

*Acting Chief, Civil Service Personnel Division.*

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#### **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

##### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will convene on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn on or about 11 a.m. at the Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles St., Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to plan a briefing for fiscal year 2010.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by January 2, 2010. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 North Los Angeles St., Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments or who desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Western Regional Office, at (213) 894-3437 or 800-877-8339 for individuals who are deaf, hearing impaired, and/or have speech disabilities or by e-mail to [pminarik@usccr.gov](mailto:pminarik@usccr.gov).

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the