

subcommittees of the full Committee will also meet on June 5, 2001, to work on issues discussed during the full Committee session. All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 5, and Wednesday, June 6, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Subcommittees will hold open meetings on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Note: FSIS was not able to publish notification of this public meeting in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting, as required by Departmental Regulation 1041-001, due to late changes to the agenda.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place at the Holiday Inn Capitol at the Smithsonian Hotel, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024; telephone (202) 554-2780. The full committee will meet in main ballroom Columbia I & II on June 5-6, 2001. The subcommittees will meet in the Saturn, Venus and Jupiter Rooms. A meeting agenda is available on the FSIS Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi> which is a sub-web page of the FSIS Homepage at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to FSIS Docket Room, Docket #01-014N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the address provided above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for reviewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles L. Gioglio for technical information at (202) 205-0256 and for meeting information contact Sonya L. West at (202) 720-2561, FAX (202) 205-0157, or E-mail sonya.west@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. West by May 29, 2001, at the above numbers or by e-mail. Information is also available on FSIS Web Site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 19, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry; State government officials; and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Dr. Gladys Bayse, Spelman College; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority; Sandra Eskin, American Association of Retired Persons; Carol Tucker Foreman, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Michael Govro, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Martin Holmes, North American Meat Processors; Dr. Lee C. Jan, Texas Department of Health; Alice Johnson, National Turkey Federation; Collette Schultz Kaster, Premium Standard Farms; Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat Poultry Inspection Department; Dr. Irene Leech, Virginia Tech; Charles Link, Rocco Inc.; Dr. Catherine Logue, North Dakota State University; Michael Mammiga, Iowa Department of Agriculture; Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health; Dr. Elsa Murano, Texas A&M University; and John Neal, Courseys Smoked Meats.

The Committee has three standing subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line

through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: May 23, 2001.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Environmental Assessment for an Amendment to the Mark Twain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan: Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Butler, Callaway, Carter, Christian, Crawford, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Madison, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francis, Shannon, Stone, Taney, Texas, Washington, Wayne and Wright Counties, MO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On May 28, 1999, Mark Twain National Forest supervisor, Randy Moore, (Responsible Official) initiated a proposal to amend the 1986 Mark Twain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). On April 26, 2001, the resultant Environmental Assessment available for a 30 day public comment period. Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available upon request. The current preferred alternative (Alternative 3), adds standards and guidelines for Fish/Aquatic Ecosystems, Recreation Management, Heritage Resources management and adds Management Prescription 7.1. This notice is provided pursuant to National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations (36 CFR part 217, 65 FR 67579, November 9, 2000)

All comments received will be evaluated and considered in making the final decision.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for documents to: Forest Supervisor, Mark Twain National Forest, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401 Or via the forest web page at www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristine Swanson, Integrated Resources Staff Officer, at 573-364-4621, ext. 416. TDD 573-364-6844; or direct electronic mail to mailroom_r9_marktwain@fs.fed.us with the words "NEPA Supervisors Office" in the subject line.

Responsible Official: Randy Moore, Forest Supervisor, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment would add standards and guidelines to the Wildlife Habitat Management section and Recreation and Heritage Resource Management sections of the Mark Twain Land and Resource Management Plan. This new guidance responds to new management guidance, revised Forest Service policy and regulatory mandates, the Forest Service Natural Resource Agenda, and will make the Forest Plan easier to read, understand, and implement in the areas of fisheries, heritage and recreation resource management only.

This is a non-significant amendment.

Dated: May 21, 2001.

Randy Moore,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Suction Dredging Activities; Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine, Coos, and Curry County, OR; Del Norte County, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service (UFS), Siskiyou National Forest, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the EIS is to summarize and disclose the environmental effects of a Proposed Action to approve proposed Plans of Operation for suction dredging within Riparian Reserves on mining claims

located across the Siskiyou National Forest.

The Proposed Action is designed to be consistent with the Siskiyou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1989), as amended by the Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan (1994), and is scheduled for implementation during Calendar Year 2002.

Among several requirements, the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan Standard and Guideline MM-1 required that all minerals operations within Riparian Reserves must have an approved Plan of Operation. Additionally, a 1999 lawsuit ruling re-affirmed that the Siskiyou National Forest must implement the Northwest Forest Plan Standard and Guideline MM-1. The Siskiyou National Forest invites you to submit written issues with the Proposed Action. In addition, written issues will be solicited during public scoping efforts. The forest will also give notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process so that interested and affected people are made aware as to how they may participate and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Issues concerning the Proposed Action must be received by June 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written issues regarding the Proposed Action to Jack Williams, Forest Supervisor, Siskiyou National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, P.O. Box 520, Medford Oregon 97501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions about the Proposed Action and EIS to Roger Mendenhall, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Siskiyou National Forest, 200 N.E. Greenfield, P.O. Box 440, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526-0242; phone # 541-471-6500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plans of Operation for suction dredging would occur within all of the major watersheds of Siskiyou National Forest.

The Forest Service will consider submitted issues to the Proposed Action in determining the kinds and depths of analysis needed. They may also be used to develop additional alternatives to the Proposed Action that would respond to significant issues. The no-action alternative, not approving the Plans of Operation, will also be considered.

Public participation will be important at several times during the analysis. The first time is during scoping. 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 1501.7. The Agency will be seeking written issues with the Proposed Action from Federal, State,

and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the Proposal.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available for review by July 2001. The comment period for the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date that the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

Submissions received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Permits such confidentiality. Person requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the request of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, he agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

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, a reviewers of a Draft EIS must structure their submissions in the environmental review process so that they are specific, meaningful, and alerts an agency to reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the Draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after the completion of the final EIS, 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*, 409 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 so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time