

(12) Disclosure to private insurance companies, contractors, cooperators, partners of FCIC, and other Federal agencies for any purpose relating to the sale, service, administration, analysis of the Federal crop insurance program.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained electronically, on computer printouts, microfiche, and in the file folders at the Kansas City Office.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be indexed and retrieved by name of individual, tax identification number (including social security number), or contract number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are accessible only to authorized personnel and are maintained in offices that are locked during non-duty hours. File folders and other hard copy records are stored in locked file cabinets. The electronic records are controlled by password protection and the computer network is protected by means of a firewall.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records are maintained until the indebtedness is paid. Unless shredding is required by Federal regulations, paper records are delivered to custodial services for disposal as waste paper. Electronic records may be erased after the debt is settled and upon the expiration of the records retention period established by the National Archivist.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Fiscal Operations Branch, Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0814, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676. Telephone: (816) 926-7033.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

An individual may request information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to such individual from the Kansas City Office. The request for information should contain the individual's name and address; tax identification number (including social security number); State(s) and county(ties) where such individual farms; and individual crop insurance policy number(s), if known. Before information about any record is released, the System Manager may require the individual to provide proof of identity or require the requester to

furnish an authorization from the individual to permit release of information.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

An individual may obtain information as to the procedures for gaining access to a record in the system, that pertains to such individual, by submitting a written request to the Privacy Act Officer, Risk Management Agency, Program Support Staff, Room 6620-SB, AG Stop 0821, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0821. The envelope and letters should be marked, Privacy Act Request. A request for information should contain: name, address, ZIP code, tax identification number (including social security number), name of the system of records, year of records in question, and any other pertinent information to help identify the file.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Procedures for contesting records are the same as the procedures for record access. Include the reason for contesting the record and the proposed amendment to the information with supporting documentation to show how the record is inaccurate.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system comes primarily from the insurance company, individual debtor or from other Federal agencies.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Proposed Twin Creek Timber Sale; Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bear Lake County, ID**

**AGENCY:** USDA Forest Service.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of proposed actions to harvest timber, build roads, and regenerate new stands of trees in upper Georgetown Canyon of the Caribou National Forest in Bear Lake County, Idaho. The proposed project is located in T. 10 S., R. 44, Sections 1, 12, 13, 24 and T. 10 S., R. 44 E. sections 6 and 7, Boise Meridian. Implementing a regeneration cut to lodgepole pine stands will provide an Allowable Sale Q of sawlogs to industry and help meet the desired future condition for function,

structure, and composition to lodgepole pine stands on suitable timberlands in the Georgetown Watershed.

The Montpelier Ranger District of the Caribou National Forest proposes to harvest an estimated 2,500,000 million board feet of commercial timber on approximately 329 acres. All 329 acres would receive group seed tree cut. All units considered for cutting are mature lodgepole pine. An estimated 7.0 miles of road would need to be reconstructed, 1.9 miles would need to be constructed, 1.0 mile of existing road would be opened and 1.0 mile would be closed. Some road construction would occur on private ground. Approximately 54 acres would be harvested in the Dry Ridge Inventoried Roadless Area, #04164. All merchantable timber would be yarded using tractors. Natural regeneration is planned for in all the proposed cutting units. Logging slash will be available for firewood to the public. The remaining logging slash will then be burned. Ten to fifteen tons per acres of large woody debris will be left in each cutting unit for nutrient recycling.

The issues identified during scoping and the analysis process will determine alternatives to the proposed action. The no action alternative will be analyzed.

**DATES:** Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. No scoping meetings are planned at this time. Information received will be used in preparation of the draft EIS and final EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Montpelier Ranger District, 322 North 4th Street, Montpelier, Idaho 83254.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Eric Mattson, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Montpelier Ranger District, 322 N. 4th Street, Montpelier, Idaho 83254 (Telephone: (208) 847-0375).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State and local agencies, as well as individuals and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by the proposed action. The Forest Service invites written comments and suggestions on the issues related to the proposal and the area being analyzed.

The responsible official is Jerry B. Reese, Forest Supervisor, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

The decision to be made is: The Forest Service needs to decide whether

to continue the present course of action (the no action alternative) or to implement the proposed action with applicable mitigation measures, or to implement an alternative to the proposed action with its applicable mitigation measures.

The tentative date for filing the Draft EIS is 15 February 2003. The tentative date for filing the final EIS is 15 April 2003. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be open for 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give viewers notice of several court ruling 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 it is meaningful and alert an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft 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 this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period of the Draft Environmental Impact statement 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 Environmental Impact Statement. Agency representatives and other interested people are invited to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the EIS process.

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. 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. Comments received in response to this solicitation, 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 215 or 217. 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. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 10 days.

Dated: November 20, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonner County, Idaho and Pend Oreille County, Washington; Chips Ahoy Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Priest Lake Ranger District on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to treat forest vegetation over approximately 980 acres. The treatments are being proposed to restore forest communities to a more historical composition and structure and re-introduce fire into these ecosystems. Treatments include 780 acres of regeneration harvest and 200 acres of commercial thinning.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within

30 days from the date of this notice in the **Federal Register** and during the draft EIS period. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in March 2003 and the final environmental impact statement is expected June 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Chips Ahoy Project, Attn: Steve Johnson, Forest Supervisor's Office, 3815 Shreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815.

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

Steve Johnson, Project Leader, Idaho Panhandle Supervisor's Office at the above address, by calling (208) 765-7224, or [ssjohnson@fs.fed.us](mailto:ssjohnson@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project area is located within Bonner County, Idaho, and Pend Oreille County, Washington. The project area is located approximately twenty miles north of the community of Priest River, Idaho. A past bark beetle outbreak, in combination with root diseases, other insects and diseases and winter storm damage has left many of these stands poorly stocked.

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

The purpose and need for this action is to restore dry forest communities to a more natural composition and structure and re-introduce fire into these ecosystems and increase the amount of wet forest communities that are dominated by western white pine and western larch trees.

#### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action is separated into three categories, vegetative treatments, fuel treatments and road treatments. The proposal is to treat forest vegetation over approximately 980 acres within the project area. Different types of treatments would be used depending upon the existing condition of the forest stands. These treatments include regeneration treatments on 780 acres and commercial thinning on the remaining 200 acres. After the tree cutting operations are complete, approximately 930 acres, or 95 percent of the vegetative treatment areas would be underburned to reduce the fuels, prepare the sites for reforestation, and to re-introduce fire onto these sites as a natural process. The remaining 5 percent of the vegetative treatment would not be burned. In order to access some of the proposed vegetative treatment areas, approximately 2.5 miles of temporary road would be constructed. These temporary roads would be recontoured following their use. Resource protection measures will be included to protect resources such as