

implemented as part of an overall riparian restoration strategy to reduce impacts caused by roads. Impacts include erosion and increased runoff from inadequately or poorly drained roads, especially those located close to streams and with poorly designed drainage structures and stream crossings. Road treatments would include road relocation (11.2 miles of new construction, all of which is included in the new construction mentioned above), reconstruction (44 miles of existing roads for DFPZ and group selection access), and decommissioning (14.9 miles). Reconstruction activities would also include improvement or relocation of several in-channel water sources.

Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to implement the proposed action as described above, to meet the purpose and need for action through some other combination of activities, or to take no action at this time.

In order to fully test the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act on the Almanor Ranger District (e.g., implement contiguous DFPZs on the landscape), it is necessary to analyze and implement the resource management activities outlined in the Act within suitable habitat for the California spotted owl. The Lakes Forest Recovery Project proposed action includes projects within suitable habitat.

The Record of Decision for the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) stated that California spotted owl habitat would be avoided at the site-specific project level until a new California spotted owl habitat management strategy is released. The decision to implement resource management activities within suitable owl habitat in the Lakes Forest Recovery Project area will be based upon one or more of the following three actions:

(1) A decision is made on the Sierra Nevada Conservation Framework (that would amend the Lassen National Forest (NF) Land and Resource Management Plan) that defines a new owl strategy and allows the implementation of resource management activities as outlined in the Act, or;

(2) A new California spotted owl viability assessment is completed providing direction encompassing the species' range and the Lassen NF Land and Resource Management Plan is amended to include the new owl strategy, or;

(3) A site-specific California spotted owl strategy would be developed and implemented for this project resulting in a non-significant amendment to the Lassen NF Forest Plan.

Responsible Official and Lead Agency

The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this proposal. District Ranger Susan Jeheber-Matthews is the responsible official.

Tentative or Preliminary Issues and Possible Alternatives

Comments from the public and other agencies will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The scoping process will be used to identify questions and issues regarding the proposed action. An issue is defined as a point of dispute, debate, or disagreement related to a specific proposed action based on its anticipated effects. Significant issues brought to our attention are used during an environmental analysis to develop alternatives to the proposed action. Some issues raised in scoping may be considered non-significant because they are: (1) Beyond the scope of the proposed action and its purpose and need; (2) already decided by law, regulation, or the Land and Resource Management Plan; (3) irrelevant to the decision to be made; or (4) conjectural and not supported by scientific or factual evidence.

An anticipated public issue with the Lakes Forest Recovery Project is the proposal to implement resource management activities within suitable California spotted owl habitat. Alternatives currently being considered for the Lakes Forest Recovery Project include: (a) No action; (b) the proposed action as outlined above, and; (c) an alternative, based on the proposed action, that does not enter into suitable California spotted owl habitat.

While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the draft EIS.

Identification of Permits or Licenses Required

No permits or licenses have been identified to implement the proposal action.

Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review on March 2001. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection

Agency publishes the notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

The Reviewers Obligation To Comment

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 draft statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that 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 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.

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 statement. 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 Regulation of implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: December 6, 2000.

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Forest Supervisor.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: Broadcasting Board of Governors.

ACTION: Notice of Membership.

SUMMARY: This Notice is issued to announce the membership of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Performance Review Board.

DATES: Upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda C. Beard (Executive Secretary), Office of Personnel, Broadcasting Board of Governors, 330 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20237, Telephone: (202) 619-1523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with sections 4314(c) (1) through (5) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95454), the following is a list of members of the 2000 Performance Review Board for the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Chairperson: Director for International Broadcasting Bureau, Brian Conniff (Acting). Panel 1—International Broadcasting Bureau SES Members.

Chairperson: Chief of Staff for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Josiah H. Beeman. Panel 2: Broadcasting Board of Governors SES Members Career SES Members.

Patricia Popovich, Deputy Chief, Information Officer For Management, Information Resources Management Bureau, Department of State.

Mike Blank, Executive Officer for the Immediate Office of the Secretary for Health and Human Services.

Alternate Career SES Members, Stephen Smith, Associate Director for Management, International Broadcasting Bureau, Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

John S. Welch,

Director, Office of Personnel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on Allegations of Voting Irregularities in the Presidential Election on November 7, 2000

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, Section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3., that public hearings before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Thursday, January 11, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the morning in Tallahassee, FL, and on

subsequent days in Miami, FL, Jacksonville, FL, and Tampa, FL. The purpose of these hearings is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under Public Law 98-183, Section 5(a)(1) and Section 5(a)(5), related particularly to allegations that eligible persons in Florida were denied the right to vote or to have their votes properly counted in the election of the Presidential electors on November 7, 2000.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2. The Commission is an independent bipartisan, fact finding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice. The Commission has broad authority to investigate allegations of voting irregularities even when alleged abuses do not involve discrimination.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearings and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Pamela Dunston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Jin, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Dated: December 11, 2000.

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Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 68-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 64—Jacksonville, FL; Application for Subzone Status; Atlantic Marine, Inc. (Shipbuilding and Repair)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Jacksonville Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 64, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the shipbuilding facility of Atlantic Marine, Inc. (AMI), in Jacksonville, Florida. The

application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on December 5, 2000.

The AMI shipyard (81 acres, 276,000 sq. ft.) is located along the St. Johns River at 8500 Heckscher Drive in Jacksonville. The facility is used for the construction, repair, and conversion of commercial vessels for domestic and international customers. The application indicates that all steel mill products are sourced domestically. Foreign components that may be used at the AMI shipyard (up to 12% of vessel value) include propulsion units, engines and control systems, pumps, air-conditioning systems, hydraulic parts, fire doors, pipes, solenoids, valves, multimeters, gaskets, washers, signaling equipment, davits and lifeboats, electric motors, articles of rubber and chrome, navigation and electronic equipment, propellers, anchors, deck cranes, plumbing fixtures, lighting equipment, carpet, furniture, wall and ceiling panels, and table and kitchen ware (2000 duty rate range: free—29%, *ad valorem*).

FTZ procedures would exempt AMI from Customs duty payments on the foreign components (except steel mill products) used in export activity. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished oceangoing vessels (duty free) for the foreign-origin components noted above. The manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures would be subject to the "standard shipyard restriction" applicable to foreign-origin steel mill products (e.g., angles, pipe, plate), which requires that Customs duties be paid on such items. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 12, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to February 26, 2001).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following locations: