

policy issues. Finally, this interim directive would not alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients of such programs. Accordingly, this proposed action is not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866.

Moreover, this proposed action has been considered in light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), and it has been determined that this proposed action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined by the act because it will not impose record-keeping requirements on them; it would not affect their competitive position in relation to large entities; and it would not affect their cash flow, liquidity, or ability to remain in the market.

Unfunded Mandates

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), which the President signed into law on March 22, 1995, the Agency has assessed the effects of this proposed action on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. This interim directive would not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or tribal government or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

This interim directive does not contain any additional record-keeping or reporting requirements associated with National Forest System land management planning or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 that are not already required by law or not already approved for use. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (Number 0596–00158) has approved the information collection associated with the submitting an objection under the planning rule (36 CFR part 219). Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Conclusion

This interim directive provides consistent interpretation of the planning rule for line and staff officers, and interdisciplinary teams. Therefore, the Agency can fulfill its commitment to improve public involvement and decisionmaking associated with

developing, amending, or revising a land management plan.

The full text of this handbook is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Single paper copies are available upon request from the address and telephone numbers listed earlier in this notice as well as from the nearest regional office, the location of which are also available on the Washington Office headquarters homepage on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us>.

Dated: August 21, 2008.

Abigail R. Kimbell,

Chief, Forest Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island 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 briefing meeting and planning meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008, at the Rhode Island State House, Room 222, in Providence, Rhode Island. The purpose of the briefing meeting is to hear from law enforcement officials, government officials, advocacy groups and other members of the community on the issue of racial profiling. After the briefing the committee will have a planning meeting to further define its project on fair housing in Rhode Island.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by October 17, 2008. The address is Eastern Regional Office, 624 9th St., NW., Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202–376–7533 or by e-mail to: agreene@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meetings 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 meetings.

Records generated from these meetings may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. 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 Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, August 25, 2008.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Vermont 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 the planning meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at the Vermont Law School, Fiske Courtroom, Oakes Hall, 164 Chelsea Street, South Royalton, Vermont. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the racial profiling report and to plan future activities.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by October 16, 2008. The address is the Eastern Regional Office, 624 9th Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202–376–7533 or by e-mail to: agreene@usccr.gov.

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The meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, August 25, 2008.
Christopher Byrnes,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the

Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT JUNE 24, 2008–AUGUST 7, 2008

Firm	Address	Date accepted for filing	Products
Metalworks Worldwide Inc.	3180 Berea Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111 ..	6/24/2008	Stamped parts of steel and aluminum.
Driv-Lok, Inc.	1140 Park Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178	7/28/2008	Metal fabricated press fit fasteners including pins, studs and dowels.
Washington Marble Works, Inc.	1016 Zchinder Street, Sumner, WA 98390.	7/31/2008	Granite countertops as well as fireplaces and other custom products made from tile, limestone, and travertine.
Metal Guru, Inc. dba Vicious Cycles	205 South Ohioville Road, New Paltz, NY 12561.	8/7/2008	Titanium and steel bicycles, and bicycle accessories. Paint and repaint services.
Master Tech Tool, Inc.	4539 Prime Parkway, McHenry, IL 60050-7000.	6/27/2008	Compression and plastic injection molds.
Electric Motors and Specialties, Inc.	701 W. King St., Garrett, IN 46738	6/27/2008	Unit bearing, cast iron electric motors.
Intronics, Inc.	1400 Providence Highway, Norwood, MA 02062.	6/30/2008	Standard and custom analog function modules.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Performance Evaluation, Room 7009, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA's final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: August 19, 2008.
William P. Kittredge,
Program Officer for TAA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Incidental Takes of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities; Low-Energy Marine Seismic Surveys in the Santa Barbara Channel, November 2008

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental take authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography (SIO) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting a seismic survey within the Santa Barbara Channel, California. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS requests comments on its proposal to authorize SIO to take, by Level B harassment only, small numbers of marine mammals incidental to

conducting a marine seismic survey in November, 2008.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *PR1.0648-XJ24@noaa.gov*. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the address specified above, telephoning the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>.

Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.