

and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) is amended to authorize the Keenes Horse Camp Project, which was analyzed in the Keenes Horse Camp Environmental Assessment. This project is located in Township 11 North, Range 10 East, Section 34, Skamania County, Washington State. The project will close, rehabilitate and relocate eight of the existing 13 campsites at Keenes Horse Camp to better meet long-term Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives regarding water quality and riparian condition. Construction of an access road for the relocated sites would be contrary to the Gifford Pinchot Forest Plan, which precludes new developments and road construction in the vicinity of the Keenes Horse Camp. The decision amends the Forest Plan to make an exception for relocation of the campsites and construction of the associated 400 feet of access road. A copy of the Environment, Decision Notice and Forest Plan Amendment #15 is available upon request from the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, P.O. Box 670, Randle, WA 98377-0670.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Lynn Schinnell, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, P.O. Box 670, Randle, WA 98377-0670, or phone (370) 497-1121.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project; Including Timber Harvest, Prescribed Fire, and Noxious Weed Control Activities. Helena National Forest, Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The NOI to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this project was published in the October 17, 1997 issue of the **Federal Register**. The FEIS was released to the public in February 2000. A Record of Decision was issued in November, 2000, but was subsequently reversed on appeal due to insufficient cumulative effects analysis. At this time, the Helena National Forest is soliciting comments which would help to identify past,

ongoing, or reasonably foreseeable activities which could reasonably interact cumulatively with the activities considered with the Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project. The agency will use the information received in conjunction with other compiled information to develop the Draft Supplement EIS. A 45-day comment period will provide, and all comments will be used to develop a Final Supplemental EIS.

ADDRESSES: The responsible official is Thomas J. Clifford, Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602, Phone: (406) 449-5201.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Belts Travel Plan/Magpie-Confederate Vegetation Restoration Project; This project Will Henceforth be Entitled the North Belts Travel Plan Project; Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis & Clark and Broadwater Counties, MT

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The NOI to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this project was published in the February 25, 1998 issue of the **Federal Register**. A Draft EIS was released to the public in March 1999. In July and August of 2000, an extensive wildfire called the Cave Gulch Fire burned a high percentage of the project area being considered for vegetation treatments (The Magpie-Confederate Vegetation Restoration portion of the original project). Because of this changed condition, the Forest Service is withdrawing all vegetation management proposals from the project including treatment of noxious weeds, renaming the project, and proceeding with the travel planning portion of the project. The Forest Service feels this is the

appropriate approach with this project in that it retains a considerable amount of public input received in conjunction with previous scoping efforts. The BLM has considered only travel management throughout the course of the project. The agencies expect to release a Draft Supplement EIS in June, 2001. A 45 day comment period will be provided, and all comments will be used to develop a Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The responsible official is Thomas J. Clifford, Forest Supervisor, Helena National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT. 59602. Phone: (406) 449-5201.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pineknott Shortleaf Pine Restoration Project, Mark Twain National Forest, Carter County, MO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice, intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The 10,831 acre Pineknott project area is located on National Forest lands within the Current River watershed south of Fremont, Missouri and southwest of Van Buren, Missouri T26N, R1W sections 18-20, 29-32 and T26N, R2W sections 13-16 and 21-36, Fifth Principal Meridian.

The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the effects of restoring a closed, densely stocked shortleaf pine forest to the open pine woodland conditions described by early explorers in southern Missouri.

The primary purpose of this project is restoration of a large landscape (around 10,000-acre) of native shortleaf pine community in the Ozarks of southern Missouri. A secondary purpose of this project is to showcase a federal, state, and private partnership to manage a native, biologically diverse forest ecosystem that can provide a sustainable source of revenue. Additionally, analysis will be