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Dated: December 21, 2005.

**Frederick Norbury,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Chloride Bush Project, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Bonner County, ID**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 23, 2003, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chloride Bush Project on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 60637-60638).

The NOI is canceled because the Idaho Panhandle National Forests no longer intend to proceed with this project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Albert Helgenberg, Project Team Leader, Sandpoint Ranger District, 1500 Highway 2, Suite 110, Sandpoint, ID 83864, telephone: 208-265-6643.

Dated: December 19, 2005.

**Ranotta McNair,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Plumas National Forest; Plumas County, CA; Empire Vegetation Management Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service will prepare a supplement to the final Environmental Impact Statement to document and clarify additional analysis of cumulative environmental effects primarily in five resource areas: Vegetation, Fire/Fuels/Air Quality, Wildlife, Watershed, and Botanical Resources/Noxious Weeds. The supplement will also clarify the discussion of planning areas. Additional details will be added to Appendix D: Proposed Actions for Each Road in Each Watershed and Appendix G: Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions. Additional maps will be included to provide further information to the public.

**DATES:** Scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)(4)). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in January 2006 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in April 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971; Mount Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Rotta, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Mt. Hough Ranger District 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971 (530) 283-7687.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The prior notice of intent for this project appeared

in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2005. The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement appeared on May 20, 2005. A Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision were issued on August 9, 2005. The legal notice of the Record of Decision appeared in the Feather River Bulletin on August 24, 2005. The decision was appealed and later reversed on November 18, 2005.

### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need remain the same as was described in the FEIS. In the FEIS, the purpose of and need for the project has three elements: (1) To implement fuel reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and, as part of the larger HFQLG fuel treatment strategic network as called for by the HFQLG Act (Section 401(b)(1) and (d)(1)) and the HFQLG amendment to the LRMP, to reduce the potential size and intensity of wildfires and provide fire suppression personnel safe locations for taking action against wildfires; (2) to implement group selection and individual tree selection, as directed in the HFQLG Act (Section 401(b)(1) and (d)(2)) and the HFQLG amendment to the LRMP, to test the effectiveness of an uneven-aged silvicultural system in achieving an all-aged, multistory, fire resilient forest, providing an adequate timber supply that contributes to the economic stability of rural communities, and improving and maintaining ecological health of the forest; and (3) to reduce impacts of the transportation system on forest resources and provide the necessary access for the fuel treatments and the group and individual tree selection harvests.

### Proposed Action

The proposed action and all alternatives will remain the same as described in the FEIS. These alternatives include varied levels of fuel treatments, group selection timber harvest, individual tree selection harvest and transportation system improvement.