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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

2003 Record of Decision on the Woodpecker Project Area Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; record of decision.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, has prepared the 2003 Record of Decision for the Woodpecker Project Area. The project area is located within the Petersburg Ranger District, on Mitkof Island, about 27 miles south of Petersburg, Alaska. Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest, has selected the activities from Alternative 6 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS, August 2001) that were not included in the 2002 Record of Decision (signed December 24, 2002). The 2003 decision includes: (a) Harvest of approximately 10.9 million board feet of timber from approximately 900 acres, (b) construction of approximately 4.8 miles of new classified road, and (c) construction of approximately 1.3 miles of temporary road. An existing log transfer facility will be used.

DATES: The legal notice of this decision will be published in the *Juneau Empire*, the newspaper of record, published in Juneau, Alaska, on November 24, 2003. This will begin the 45-day appeal period, which will close on Thursday, January 8, 2004. This decision may be implemented no sooner than 5 business days after close of the appeal period, if no appeal is received. If an appeal is received, this decision may be implemented no sooner than 15 days following disposition of the appeal.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Record of Decision or Final EIS may be directed to: Linda Slaght, Petersburg Ranger District, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, Phone (907) 772-3871; fax (907) 772-5995; or E-mail

Isلاغht@fs.fed.us. The Responsible Official is Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, 648 Mission Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901. The Regional Forester is the Appeal Deciding Officer. Written notices of appeal must be addressed to: Regional Forester, Alaska Region, USDA, Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for further information concerning the Final EIS or the Record(s) of Decision may be directed to Patricia Grantham, District Ranger, or Linda Slaght, Writer/Editor, Petersburg Ranger District, 907-772-3871. Copies of the 2003 Record of Decision have been mailed directly to those people who requested to be on the project mailing list. Additional copies may be obtained from the Petersburg Ranger District or reviewed at public libraries throughout southeast Alaska. The 2003 Record of Decision is also posted on the Tongass National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest signed a Record of Decision for the Woodpecker Project Area on December 24, 2002. No appeals were received and the Decision is being implemented. All of the activities approved by the 2002 Decision were outside roadless areas, in compliance with an order issued by the U.S. District Court, District of Alaska, in *Sierra Club v. Rey* (J00-0009 CV (JKS)) on April 26, 2002. That order enjoined the Forest Service from permitting timber harvest and road building in roadless areas until the completion of the final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The SEIS was signed on February 24, 2003, and the injunction was lifted.

The Woodpecker Project Area is partly within the Crystal Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule, 36 CFR 294.10, January 12, 2001) generally prohibits timber harvesting and road building in roadless areas with a period of transition for the Tongass. This transition period makes an exception for projects where a notice of availability statement was published prior to

January 12, 2001. Since the notice of availability for the Woodpecker project was published on August 18, 2000, this project is exempted from the prohibitions in the Roadless Rule. The Woodpecker project is consistent with the Forest Plan and the Forest Plan SEIS.

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR part 215. The legal notice of this decision will be published in the *Juneau Empire*, the newspaper of record, published in Juneau, Alaska, on November 24, 2003, which will start the 45-day appeal period. A written notice of appeal that includes sufficient evidence of why this decision should be changed and requirements of 36 CFR part 215 must be postmarked by the last day of the appeal period and filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer: Regional Forester, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628.

Responsible Official: Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, is the responsible official.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1505.2 and 1506.6; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 28)

Dated: November 13, 2003.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues in relation to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public; a draft agenda of the meeting is attached.

DATES: The meeting will convene Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at 8 a.m., and continue until 5 p.m.; resume Thursday, December 4, 2003, from 8:15

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals with written materials, and those who have requests to make oral presentations, should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), at the address below, on or before November 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Two Portola Plaza, Monterey, California 93940; telephone: (831) 649-4511. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Dr. Beth Sauerhaft, USDA-NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6158, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or comments should be directed to Dr. Beth Sauerhaft, Designated Federal Official; telephone: (202) 720-8578; fax: (202) 720-2646; e-mail: Beth.Sauerhaft@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the AAQTF, including any revised agendas for the December 3 and 4, 2003, meeting that occur after this **Federal Register** notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://fargo.nserl.purdue.edu/faca>.

Draft Agenda of the December 3 and 4, 2003, Meeting of the AAQTF

- A. Welcome to California
 - Local and NRCS officials
- B. Discussion of August minutes
- C. Presentation/Discussion of Documents to Be Approved by Conclusion of Meeting and Subsequently Presented to Secretary Veneman
- D. Subcommittee Presentations
 - Emerging Issues Committee Report
 - Research Committee Report
 - Policy Committee Report
 - Education/Technology Transfer Committee Report
- E. Local Research Presentations
 - University of California (UC), Davis—Field Research
 - UC Davis, Nitrogen Balance
 - Alternatives to Methyl Bromide
- F. Dairy Action Plan
- G. Presentation of Collaborative Efforts between NRCS and Local Air District
- H. Presentation of South Coast Anaerobic Digester Project
- I. Environmental Protection Agency Update
- J. Pesticide Volatile Organic Compounds
- K. Diesel Air Toxic Control Measures
- L. Next Meeting, Time/Place
- M. Public Input (Time will be reserved before lunch and at the close of each daily session to receive public comment. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes).

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may give oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify Dr. Sauerhaft no later than November 18, 2003. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, that person should submit 30 copies to Beth Sauerhaft no later than November 14, 2003.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Dr. Sauerhaft.

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Signed in Washington, DC on November 5, 2003.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Maine Advisory Committee will convene at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss steps to be taken and allocation of duties for planning a community forum in Lewiston, ME on post-9/11 immigrant experiences.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-888-532-2976, access code: 20076641. Any interested member of the

public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code number.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Aonghas St-Hilaire of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116), by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2003. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 4, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Missouri and Oklahoma Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Missouri and Oklahoma Advisory Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to conduct strategic planning and discuss recommendations to hold a regional "Civil Rights Listening Tour" in 2004.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-800-659-8292, access code 20244814. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number.