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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Technical Correction for the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower and Upper Portions”, Willamette National Forest, Lane County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the technical correction for the boundary of the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower Portion” and “Upper Portion” to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting the following office: Willamette National Forest, 3106 Pierce Parkway Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477, (541) 225–6300.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The McKenzie Wild and Scenic River “Lower and Upper Portions” boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Recreation, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues SW., Washington, DC 20024; USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 333 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208–3623.

The Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–557) designated the McKenzie River, Oregon, as a Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until ninety (90) days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: August 13, 2012.

Maureen T. Hyzer,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Wisdom and Wise River Ranger Districts; Montana; North and West Big Hole Allotment Management Plans

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The nature of the North and West Big Hole Allotment Management Plans (NWBH AMP's) project is the updating of eleven domestic livestock grazing management plans.

The scope of the project is limited to the specific eleven domestic livestock allotments on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Service administered lands and those under agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP). This project is not a general management plan for the area, nor is it a programmatic environmental analysis for domestic livestock grazing on the entire forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by September 17, 2012. The draft environmental impact statement is expected March of 2013 and the final environmental impact statement is expected September of 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Attention Laura Hudnell, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett St., Dillon, MT 59725 and weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for hand delivery. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge@fs.fed.us in one of the following formats: Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and/or hypertext markup language (.html), or via facsimile to Attention Laura Hudnell, NWBH AMP's, 406–683–3886. For all forms of comment, make sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a subject title of NWBH AMP's.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Russell Riebe, Wisdom/Wise River District Ranger at (406) 689–3243 or via email at rriebe@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

This action is being undertaken to update the grazing management and

infrastructure on eleven domestic livestock grazing allotments (Seymour, Fishtrap, Mudd Creek, Pintlar Creek, Mussigbrod, Ruby Creek, Dry Creek, Twin Lakes, Monument, Pioneer, and Saginaw) to comply with the applicable 2009 Beaverhead-Deerlodge Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) direction.

This action is needed because there is new direction in the Forest Plan for livestock grazing, site specific suitability, and site specific Allowable Use Levels (AUL's).

Proposed Action

The authorizing official proposes to:

- Re-issue domestic livestock grazing permits for the eleven allotments for a period of ten years.
- Reduce the authorized number of Head Months (HM's) from 8,365 to 5,666 on National Forest Service lands. This would be a thirty-two percent reduction in the authorized HM's on National Forest lands within the project area. Seven of the allotments would see a decrease and four allotments would remain at the current permitted levels.
- Increase livestock numbers on three allotments, decrease the numbers on two allotments, and keep the same numbers on six allotments.
- Reduce the Season of Use (SOU) on five allotments and keep the same SOU on six allotments.
- Change the grazing system on seven allotments and keep four the same.
- Apply the site specific AUL's to all eleven allotments.
- Add new infrastructure on five allotments. Within these five allotments structural improvements would include the addition of one mile of fencing, a quarter mile of piping, development of two springs, addition of two water tanks, one new enclosure, three hardened crossings, and the conversion of three temporary enclosures to permanent enclosures.
- Implement compliance and long term rangeland monitoring on all eleven allotments.

Possible Alternatives

1—*No Action Alternative.* Under this alternative domestic livestock grazing permits on National Forest Service (NFS) lands on the eleven allotments would be discontinued with a minimum of two years notice (36 CFR 222.4(a)(1)) to permittees. No new term grazing permits for domestic livestock grazing would be issued.

2—*Current Grazing Management Alternative.* Under this alternative new term domestic livestock grazing permits would be issued with the current

management. Domestic livestock grazing would continue based on the Interim Livestock Grazing Standards (Forest Plan Ch. 3, pg. 26), the Forest Service (FS) Annual Operating Instructions (AOI), the 2012 Agreement for Coordination Management of Rangeland (ACMR) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the 2011 Cooperative Livestock Grazing Management Agreement (CLGMA) with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP). There would be no changes or additions in grazing management or infrastructure.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest will be the lead agency. The BLM field offices in Dillon and Butte, Montana, and FWP office in Butte will be cooperating agencies.

Responsible Official

The Wisdom/Wise River District Ranger will be the responsible official.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to implement the proposed action, another alternative, or a combination of the alternatives.

Permits or Licenses Required

Grazing permits for domestic livestock grazing would be issued for ten years for each of the eleven allotments.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. A scoping letter and maps will be mailed to interested publics, Tribes, and federal, state, and local governments.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the responder

with subsequent environmental documentation.

Dated: August 10, 2012.

Russell B. Riebe,

Wisdom/Wise River District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Socorro, New Mexico. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals to be initiated with title II funds.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 6, 2012, 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Socorro County Annex Building, 198 Neel Avenue.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3463 Las Palomas Road, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Please call ahead to 575-434-7200 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patti Turpin, RAC Coordinator, 575-434-7230 or pturpin@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance

with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review of project proposals for initiation of title II funds; and (2) Public comment. The full agenda and order of proposal presentations can be found at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Southern+New+Mexico?OpenDocument.

Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by August 24 to be scheduled on the agenda.

Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Patti Turpin by postal service, email, or facsimile (575-434-7218). A summary of the meeting will be posted at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Southern+New+Mexico?OpenDocument within 21 days of the meeting.

Dated: August 13, 2012.

Kelly Russell,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

El Dorado County Resource Advisory COMMITTEE

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Placerville, California. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meetings are open to the public. The purpose of the meetings is to review and recommend projects authorized under title II of the Act.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 10, 17, 24, 2012, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the Community Room at Folsom Lake College, El Dorado Center, 6699 Campus