

5. Fuel storage and borrow source requirements would be reduced.

6. A permanent personnel camp would not be constructed. Mine workers would commute daily by ferry from a facility at Echo Cove to the dock facility at Slate Creek Cove.

The purpose and need for the Proposed Action is to consider certain changes to the 1998 approved Plan of Operations for the Kensington Gold Project regarding access, tailings disposal and support facilities in order to improve efficiency and to reduce the area of surface disturbance and other environmental impacts.

In addition to the Forest Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have jurisdiction and will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the SEIS. The Forest Service has agreed to be the lead agency. EPA will be responsible for assuring that the analysis provides sufficient information for issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit under authority of the Clean Water Act. The Corps will be responsible for ensuring that the analysis provides sufficient information for issuance of permits required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 permit, and for compliance with Executive Order 11990 and 11988 related to wetlands and floodplains. Memorandums of Understanding will be initiated with both of the cooperating agencies.

The decision to be made is whether or not to approve the Plan of Operations as amended or require the operator to revise its proposal. The 1997 SEIS analyzed the effects of developing the Kensington Gold Project and the Record of Decision approved the conditions under which the project could proceed. This SEIS will analyze the effects of proposed changes to the Plan of Operations that differ from those approved in the 1997 decision.

Key resources to be analyzed include water quality from the discharge to Slate Creek; impacts to wetlands; impacts to fisheries from the discharge; visual effects to the Berners Bay area; water quality effects to the Berners Bay area and potential for impacts to the recreation resources in Berners Bay.

Fred S. Salinas, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, is the responsible official.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by the proposed action.

DATES: Public scoping meetings are planned in Juneau at Centennial Hall from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 and in Haines at the Council Chambers in City Hall from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2002. If weather precludes travel to Haines on the 19th, the meeting will be held September 26th instead.

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement should be available for public review by March 11, 2003. The comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions, *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after the completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts, *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d. 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp., 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the

National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The final supplemental environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by August 27, 2003. The Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest will, as the responsible official for the SEIS, make a decision regarding this proposal considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final SEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: September 3, 2002.

Fred S. Salinas,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold meetings on September 20, 2002, in Chilcoot, California, October 18, 2002 in Quincy, California, and a third on November 15 in Chester, California. The purpose of the meetings will be to finalize and approve the Cycle 2 final application form and recommendation/approval process, discuss fuels reduction issues, review concept papers submitted for Cycle 2 funding consideration, and to review efforts to date of projects previously approved for Cycle 1 funding under the Title 2 provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The September 20 meeting will take place from 9-1:30 p.m., at the Wood N' Rose Café, 94248 Highway 70, Chilcoot, California. The October 18 meeting will take place from 9-TBA, in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds, 204 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, California. The November 15 meeting will take place from 9-TBA, at the Lake Almanor Elks Lodge, 164 Main Street, Chester, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Anne Schramel Taylor, Forest Coordinator, USDA, Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA, 95971; (530) 283-

7850; or by e-mail eataylor@fs.fed.us. Final agendas are posted one week prior to the meeting on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.r5.fs.fed.us/pay2states/plumas>. Prior meeting minutes and agenda are available on the same site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the September 20 meeting include: (1) Review and discuss cycle 1 project implementation efforts to date; (2) Review Forest Service plan for recruiting replacement members, (3) Consider and make decision on revised project budget for Cycle 1-Maidu Natural Assets Project; (4) Review and approve Cycle 2 final application form and discuss the recommendation/approval process, discuss fuels reduction issues and efforts to date in Plumas County; (5) Discuss administrative support; and, (6) Future meeting schedule/logistics/agenda.

The agenda for the October 18 meeting will include a review of concept papers submitted in Cycle 2 along with other items to be determined at the September meeting. Similarly, the agenda for the November meeting will include the Cycle 2 concept paper review along with other items to be determined at the October meeting. The meetings are open to the public and individuals may address the Committee after being recognized by the Chair.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

Fred Krueger,

Public Services Staff Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Show Low, Arizona. The purpose of the meeting is to initiate the resource advisory committee process, learn the roles and the responsibilities of the committee, discuss elements of Pub. L. 106-393 (the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act), and formulate operating guidelines including the next meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 151 West Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Arizona 85901. Send written comments to

Robert Dyson, Eastern Arizona Counties Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or electronically to rdyson@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Dyson, Public Affairs Officer, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, (928) 333-4301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Pub. L. 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by October 4, 2002, will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions.

Dated: September 9, 2002.

John C. Bedell,

Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a product and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: October 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the

notice for each product or service will be required to procure the product and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited.

Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following products and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product

Product/NSN: Insect Repellent, Clothing Application, 6840-01-345-0237.

NPA: Beaufort Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Beaufort, South Carolina.

Contract Activity: Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

Services

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Austin Straubel International Airport, ATCT and Base Building, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

NPA: Brown County ARC, Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Contract Activity: Federal Aviation Administration, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Fraser, Michigan.

NPA: Jewish Vocational Service and Community Workshop, Inc., Southfield, Michigan.

Contract Activity: HQ, 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Service Type/Location: Medical Transcription, Department of Veterans Affairs, VAMC Boise, Boise, Idaho.

NPA: The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Contract Activity: Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Boise, Idaho.

Service Type/Location: Operation of Safety