

hand-cut. About 870 acres of ground-based yarding and 440 acres of cable yarding have been identified. The majority of the project area includes existing roads that can be used to accomplish proposed activities. About two miles of temporary roads would be constructed. Some new landings may be required.

#### Responsible Official

Patricia A. Grantham, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, an alternative to the proposed action, or take no action to make changes to existing conditions in the Johnny O'Neil Late-Successional Reserve.

#### Scoping Process

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

Members of the Johnny O'Neil Team have been meeting informally with interested individuals, adjacent landowners and residents, and organizations to discuss the need for treatment of the Johnny O'Neil LSR and various possible ways to treat the area.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public review by November 2010. EPA will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will extend 45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and members of the public for their review and comment. It is very important that those interested in the management of the Klamath National Forest participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in March 2011. In the final EIS, the Forest Service will respond to comments received during the comment period that are: Within the scope of the proposed action; specific to the proposed action; have a direct relationship with the proposed action; and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Submission of comments to the draft EIS is a prerequisite for eligibility to

participate in the pre-decisional objection process under the 36 CFR part 218 regulations.

#### Comment Requested

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

*Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review:* A draft EIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

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 EISs 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 45-day comment period so that 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21.

Dated: December 18, 2009.

**Patricia A. Grantham,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, January 20, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 20, 2010 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District Office, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at [ddaniels@fs.fed.us](mailto:ddaniels@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: December 18, 2009.

**Forrest Cole,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure

Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended, (Pub. L. 110-343), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 11, 2010, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale Olson, Designated Federal Official, at (208) 347-0300 or e-mail [dolson07@fs.fed.us](mailto:dolson07@fs.fed.us).

Dated: December 18, 2009.

**Suzanne C. Rainville,**

*Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 56-2009]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 152—Burns Harbor, IN; Application for Reorganization/Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Ports of Indiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 152, requesting authority to reorganize/expand its zone in the Burns Harbor, Indiana area, within the Chicago Customs and Border Protection port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on December 14, 2009.

FTZ 152 was approved by the Board on December 9, 1988 (Board Order 393, 53 FR 52454, 12/28/88) and expanded on March 9, 1992 (Board Order 563, 57 FR 9103, 3/16/92) and September 16, 1993 (Board Order 654, 58 FR 50330, 9/27/93). The general-purpose zone currently consists of six sites in the Burns Harbor/Gary, Indiana area: Site 1: (533,288 sq. ft.) located at 201 Mississippi Street, within the Great Lakes Industrial Center, Gary; Site 2: (441 acres) within the Port of Indianal/ Burns International Harbor, Porter County, Indiana; Site 3: (330 acres) within the Gary Regional Airport Complex located at 6001 West Industrial

Highway, Gary; Site 4: (50 acres) located at 700 Chase Street, Gary (expires 6/30/10); Site 5: (152,548 sq. ft.) located at 240 Waite Street, Gary (expires 9/1/10); and, Site 6: (277,455 sq. ft.) located at 425 W. 151st Street, East Chicago, Indiana (expires 9/1/10).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone by permanently including the 50 acres located at Site 4, returning 50 acres to Site 3 and permanently including the 152,548 sq. ft. located at Site 5.

No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Claudia Hausler of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 1, 2010. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to March 16, 2010.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

For further information, contact Claudia Hausler at [Claudia.Hausler@trade.gov](mailto:Claudia.Hausler@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1379.

Dated: December 16, 2009.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 59-2009]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 230—Greensboro, North Carolina Application for Subzone Klaussner Home Furnishings (Upholstered Furniture) Asheboro and Candor, NC

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the

Board) by the Piedmont Triad Partnership, grantee of FTZ 230, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the upholstered furniture manufacturing facilities of Klaussner Home Furnishings (KHF) located in Asheboro and Candor, North Carolina. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on December 16, 2009.

The KHF facilities (800 employees) consist of three sites: Site 1—manufacturing plant and warehouse (77.5 acres) located at 405 Lewallen Road, Asheboro; Site 2—manufacturing plant and warehouse (76.4 acres) located at 4400 Highway 220 Business South, Asheboro; and, Site 3—manufacturing plant (52.5 acres) located at 468 East Main Street in the town of Candor, North Carolina. The facilities are used to manufacture and distribute upholstered furniture (up to 1 million sofas, sleep sofas, and recliners combined annually) as well as cut and cut-and-sewn upholstery covering sets for the U.S. market and export. The application proposes that KHF utilize foreign-origin "micro-denier suede" fabric to be transformed into furniture upholstery covering sets under FTZ procedures. The finished upholstery covering sets (HTSUS 9401.90.5020; duty free) would then be assembled into finished chairs, seats, sofas, sleep sofas, and sectionals manufactured by KHF facilities in North Carolina and Iowa.

The proposed scope of authority under FTZ procedures would only involve duty savings on foreign-origin, micro-denier suede fabrics (classified under HTSUS Headings 5407, 5512, 5515, 5516, 5903, 5906, 6001, 6005, 6006; duty rate range: 2.7-17.2%) finished with a caustic soda wash process, which the applicant indicates are not produced by U.S. mills. The application indicates that KHF does not seek FTZ benefits on any of the other foreign fabrics used in production at the facilities (i.e., full duties would be paid on all such fabrics). All other material inputs used in production would be domestic status.

FTZ procedures could exempt KHF from customs duty payments on the foreign micro denier suede fabric used in export production. On micro-denier suede fabric used in production for the U.S. market, KHF could elect the finished upholstery cover (i.e., furniture part) duty rate (free) after the foreign fabric has been manufactured into cut or cut-and-sewn upholstery covering sets, at which time they are entered for consumption from the proposed