

cost of \$43.8 million. These purchase and exchange transactions are estimated to have saved CCC \$66.9 million in Sugar Program costs by reducing the amount of sugar loan collateral forfeitures. However, a significant forfeiture threat still remains, which will be mitigated by this action.

The sugar purchase will be administered similarly to the purchase and exchange announced on June 18, 2013. CCC will invite domestic sugarcane processors to offer raw cane sugar to CCC, as authorized by the Cost Reduction Options of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1308a(c)), which permits CCC to purchase sugar provided that the price paid is below the comparable regional or State costs of later acquiring the sugar through loan forfeiture under the Sugar Program. The purchase invitation will describe the information needed from sugar sellers, such as the quantity, storage location, and CCC warehouse code. The purchase invitation will also specify additional details, such as the opening and closing dates for offers and other terms of CCC's sugar purchase. CCC will then post a catalog listing the available sugar quantities. The purchase invitation and catalog will be placed on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>. In order to allow for timely market pricing, CCC will permit sugarcane processors to provide price offers to the catalog to coincide with the timing of the exchange invitation's closing bid date.

Subsequently, approximately 2 calendar days later, an exchange invitation will be made under which CCC will offer available sugar to Refined Sugar Re-export Program licensees in exchange for re-export credits. The exchange invitation will specify a minimum bid ratio of credits per metric ton of CCC sugar. The exchange invitation will be placed on the FSA Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>.

The sugar purchase will be different from the earlier purchase in that only sugarcane processors may offer to sell sugar to CCC. This purchase also differs from the earlier purchase in that any sugar offered to CCC must be pledged as collateral for CCC loan, as the purpose of this action is to reduce the forfeitures of loan collateral under the sugar loan program and this would most directly reduce forfeitures. The exchange invitation and evaluation process will be administered in the same way, except

for the timing, as announced in the notice published on June 18, 2013.

CCC may make future offers to purchase sugar and exchange it for re-export credits under this notice. Future offers to purchase and exchange will be made publicly available electronically on the FSA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pas>, and also on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site at www.fbo.gov. All terms and conditions for any future sugar purchases and exchanges will be included in the purchase and exchange invitations.

Signed on July 24, 2013.

Darci L. Vetter,

Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Juan M. Garcia,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Conejos Peak Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest; Colorado; Cumbres Vegetation Management Project

AGENCY : Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Conejos Peak Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest, proposes to salvage timber stands killed or infested by spruce beetles; reduce fuel loading, particularly adjacent to private lands; cut potential hazard trees along private property, roads, and other infrastructure; and regenerate forested acres, as needed, to move toward the long-term desired conditions described in the Forest Plan.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by August 28, 2013. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in September 2013 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in November 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Diana McGinn, Team Leader, San Luis Valley Public Land Center, 1803 W. Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to comments-rockv-mountain-rio-grande-conejos-peak@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 719-852-6250, with subject

Cumbres Vegetation Management Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana McGinn at 719-852-6241 or visit the Forest Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/riogrande/landmanagement/projects>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for the Cumbres Vegetation Management Project is move toward achieving long-term desired conditions described in the Forest Plan for this area following extensive tree mortality caused by epidemic levels of spruce beetles. Actions taken to meet these goals would include: (1) Harvesting dead and dying trees to provide wood products, while reducing the continuous extent of large fuels, particularly around private lands; (2) removing trees that create a potential safety hazard in areas of concentrated public use or that have the potential to damage public or private property as they fall; (3) Re-plant portions of harvested stands to speed ecological recovery.

Proposed Action

The Rio Grande National Forest proposes to harvest and regenerate timber stands killed by or infested with spruce beetles in an area located approximately 23 miles west of Antonito, Colorado. The project would use the existing transportation system except for the construction or re-use of approximately 8.3 miles of temporary road segments. All temporary roads would be rehabilitated and closed following use. Tree planting would follow harvest operations in areas with inadequate existing regeneration and where aspen sprouting is unlikely, in order to maintain diverse forest cover over the long-term.

Responsible Official

Conejos Peak District Ranger at 15571 County Road T5, La Jara, CO, 81140.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

An environmental impact statement (EIS) that discloses the environmental consequences of implementing the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action, including No Action, will be prepared. A separate Record of Decision (ROD) will explain the Responsible Official's decision

regarding whether or not to implement some level of timber harvest and other proposed activities on all part. or none of the area analyzed, given the consideration of multiple- use goals and objectives.

Preliminary Issues

The effect of proposed activities on soil and watershed condition and on the habitat structural needs of the local population of Canada Lynx, a Threatened species, and their primary prey, the snowshoe hare.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Forest invites public comment and participation for this project by publication of this notice. Comments are also invited by: publication in the quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA); public notice regarding this project in the newspaper of record, the *Valley Courier*; letters to potentially interested individuals, tribal governments, elected officials, and State and other Federal Agencies. Information will also be posted on the Rio Grande National Forest project Web site as this project progresses. Comments received during these and other scoping efforts will be considered in this EIS.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility (36 CFR 218.5) to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the scoping 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 respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Dated: July 17, 2013.

Andrea Jones,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Flathead Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Flathead Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Kalispell, Montana on the dates listed below. The Committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, (the Act) (Pub. L. 112-141) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463). 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 hear project presentations for 2014.

DATES: The meetings will be held every Tuesday between August 27, 2013, and September 24, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (MST). Exact meeting dates are as follow:

1. August 27, 2013—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
2. September 3, 2013—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
3. September 10, 2013—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
4. September 17, 2013—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
5. September 24, 2013—4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All Resource Advisory Committee meetings are subject to change or cancellation. For status of the Flathead Resource Advisory Committee meetings prior to attending each meeting, contact: Wade Muehlhof, Public Affairs Specialist, Flathead National Forest, 406-758-5252, ewmuehlhof@fs.fed.us.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Flathead National Forest Office, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information listed below. 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 Flathead National Forest Office, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Please call ahead to 406-758-5252 to facilitate entry into the building in order to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Wade Muehlhof, Public Affairs

Specialist, Flathead National Forest, 406-758-5252, ewmuehlhof@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: presentation of project proposals and approval of projects. Additional information on the Flathead Resource Advisory Committee can be found by visiting the Flathead National Forest Web site at: www.fs.fed.us/r1/gwj. 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 1, 2013, to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Wade Muehlhof, Public Affairs Specialist, Flathead National Forest, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, Montana 59901; Email: ewmuehlhof@fs.fed.us; or Facsimile: 406-758-5351.

A summary of the meeting will be posted at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf within 21 days of the meeting.

If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: July 17, 2013.

Chip Weber,
Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee to