

DATES: Scoping comments must be received by May 20, 2013. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be completed and available for public comment in October, 2013. The final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed in March, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Sandra Henning, District Ranger, Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. Alternately, electronic comments may be sent to comments-pacificnorthwest-ochoco@fs.fed.us. Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual email message, or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Marszal, Project Leader at 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or at (541) 416-6500, or by email at jmarszal@fs.fed.us

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The existing condition of the Wolf planning area was evaluated in 2012 and documented in the Wolf Creek Watershed Analysis. The watershed analysis determined that conditions in the planning area have departed from the historic conditions in several ways.

- Tree species compositions are outside the historic range of variability.
- A reduction in Late and Old Structured forest (LOS); especially single-strata LOS.
- A reduction in open-canopy stands accompanied by an increase in stand densities and multi-storied stands.
- An increased risk of large-scale loss of forest to wildfire.
- An increased risk of insect infestation and/or disease that can impact forested stands.
- A decline in riparian/aquatic conditions and hardwood communities.

Based upon direction from the Ochoco Forest Plan and recommendations identified in the Wolf Creek WA, the Paulina Ranger District has determined that within the Wolf project area:

1. There is a need to manage vegetation towards the historic range of variability to provide a range of forest conditions and habitats that would support historic disturbance processes, native wildlife, and plant species.
2. There is a need to reduce forest vegetation density and fuel loadings to reduce the risk that disturbance events such as insect, disease and wildfire will lead to a loss of desired forest conditions.

3. There is a need to increase or maintain large tree structure; especially single-strata LOS and maintain and increase the abundance of early-seral and fire tolerant species.

4. There is a need to improve riparian conditions and associated upland vegetation within Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA) and maintain and enhance hardwood communities.

5. There is a need to contribute to the local and regional economies by providing timber and other wood fiber products now and in the future.

Proposed Action

The proposed action includes a variety of management strategies and activities, including commercial thinning with follow-up noncommercial thinning and/or slashes treatment (4,927 acres), noncommercial treatment with slash treatment (907 acres), juniper cutting with slash treatment (481 acres), underburning (4,910 acres) and hardwood enhancement (78 acres). Implementation of the proposed action would require some connected actions; these include use of temporary roads on existing disturbance (18 miles), use of new temporary roads (2 miles), stream restoration (1 location), material source expansion (1 location, 3 acres), and headcut repair (3 locations). Implementation of the proposed action would require the following mitigation to reduce or eliminate unwanted effects; these include road closure (2 miles) and road decommission (2.7 miles).

Responsible Official

The responsible official will be Kate Klein, Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Given the purpose and need, the deciding official will review the proposed action, the other alternatives, and the environmental consequences in order to determine whether and under what circumstances vegetation and fuels management will be implemented in the Wolf Creek project area.

Preliminary Issues

The project's interdisciplinary team has developed a list of preliminary issues that will be used during the analysis of effects. Other issues may arise as a result of public comment and further analysis. Preliminary issues include:

- *Invasive Plant Species (Noxious Weeds)*. Several populations of noxious weeds are known to exist within the project area. There is a risk that

management activities may exacerbate the weed situation by spreading existing populations or introducing new ones.

- *Peck's Mariposa Lily*. Management activities can improve habitat for this sensitive species, but there is also risk of impacting individual plants and/or habitat where it occurs in the project area.

- *Soil Productivity*. Maintenance of soil productivity is an important objective for management of National Forest Lands. When mechanized equipment is used in the Forest, soil can become displaced and compacted, which can impact productivity.

- *Water Quality*. The main streams in the project area, Wolf, North Wolf and East Wolf Creeks, are listed on Oregon DEQ's 303(d) list due to high summer temperatures. Management activities can result in reduced shade on streams, as well as contribute sediment into the streams, which impacts water quality and decreases habitat quality for fish and other riparian fauna.

- *Wildlife Habitat*. Activities intended to improve forest health and resiliency may reduce habitat effectiveness for some wildlife species, including forest raptors and big game.

Scoping Process

The notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. 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 comments 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.

Dated: April 1, 2013.

Sandra Henning,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub.

L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before April 25, 2013. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 13–007. **Applicant:** University of Illinois, Materials Research Lab, 104 S Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope. **Manufacturer:** FEI Company, Czech Republic. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to seek the measurement and potentially direct-tailoring of materials properties, through the study of the relation of structure to catalytic activity, strain and composition within nanostructures, the effects of impurities on the strength of materials, and other properties of catalytic materials such as Pt, Ru, and Mo, semiconductor nanostructures (Si, Ge, InAs), metal alloys such as Ni/Al, and other materials. **Justification for Duty-Free Entry:** There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 27, 2013.

Docket Number: 13–010. **Applicant:** University of Pittsburgh, 3700 O'Hara St., 636 Benedum Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15261. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope. **Manufacturer:** FEI, Czech Republic. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to gain a better understanding of the relationship between microstructure and the performance of materials, through the analysis of crystallographic texture, the identification of crystallographic orientation relationships between precipitates and the matrix, precipitate size distributions and the analysis of chemical compositions of electronic materials, advanced ceramics for medical applications, advanced Ni-based Superalloys, stainless steels (for energy applications), advanced high-strength steels, and many other materials. **Justification for Duty-Free Entry:** There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** March 4, 2013.

Docket Number: 13–011. **Applicant:** National Institutes of Health, Porter Neurosciences Research Center, 35 Covent Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope. **Manufacturer:** JEOL Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to help understand how the human body functions normally, such as in learning, memory or hearing, and to understand the pathologies of human diseases. In order to understand these functions, this instrument will be used in experiments such as identifying the molecular components of a structure in an adult and in development, as well as looking for changes in the structure brought on by disease or by normal functional changes in cells of living organisms such as nerve cells or neurons of the brain, as well as inner ear cells. **Justification for Duty-Free Entry:** There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** March 8, 2013.

Dated: March 28, 2013.

Gregory W. Campbell,
Director of Subsidies Enforcement, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Drill Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2011

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on drill pipe from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The period of review (POR) is March 3, 2011, through December 31, 2011. We preliminary determine that Shanxi Yida Special Steel Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliates received countervailable subsidies during the POR.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 5, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–4793.

Scope of the Order

The scope of the order consists of steel drill pipe and steel drill collars, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) categories: 7304.22.0030, 7304.22.0045, 7304.22.0060, 7304.23.3000, 7304.23.6030, 7304.23.6045, 7304.23.6060, 8431.43.8040 and may also enter under 8431.43.8060, 8431.43.4000, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.49.0015, 7304.49.0060, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, and 7304.59.8055. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description, available in *Drill Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 76 FR 11758 (March 3, 2011) (CVD Order), remains dispositive.

A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Drill Pipe from the People's Republic of China” (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), dated currently with this notice, and hereby adopted by this notice.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Import Administration's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> and in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://www.trade.gov/ia/>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.