

management projects as allowed in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan. The decision would include any mitigation measures needed in addition to those prescribed in the Forest Plan.

### Preliminary Issues

The Forest Service has identified the following potential issues. No determination has been made as to which issues will be examined in detail in the environmental analysis. Your input will help determine which of these issues merit detailed analysis and will also help identify additional issues related to the proposed action that may not be listed here.

Issue 1—Amount and/or types of vegetation treatments in the proposed action and the effects on old growth and mature vegetation for lynx, security cover for elk and other habitat, as well as Colorado cutthroat trout habitat.

Issue 2—Forest health, specifically the high proportion of older age class conifer stands and declining tree growth, dwarf mistletoe infection levels in lodge pole pine and high fuel loadings from dead and down material.

Issue 3—Amount of aspen treatments.

### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from individuals, organizations, tribal governments, and federal, state, and local agencies interested in or affected by this project. Public participation will be solicited by notifying in person and/or by mail known interested and affected publics. News releases will be used to give the public general notice. Public participation activities would include requests for written comments. The first formal opportunity to comment is to respond to this notice of intent, which initiates the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7). Scoping includes: (1) Identifying potential issues, (2) narrowing the potential issues and identifying significant issues of those that have been covered by prior environmental review, (3) exploring alternatives in addition to No Action, and (4) identifying potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such 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.

Dated: December 31, 2009.

**Gregory Clark,**

*District Forest Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, California, USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub.L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 110 343) the Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet February 10, 2010 in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting on February 10, 2010 will begin at 9 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. This meeting will be dedicated to review the proposals for 2009 funding cycle, hear project presentations and vote on projects to recommend for funding.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Terri Froli, Designated Federal Official, at (530) 257-4188; or Public Affairs Officer, Heidi Perry, at (530) 252-6604.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of New Recreation Fee Site; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

**AGENCY:** Caribou-Targhee National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of New Recreation Fee Sites.

**SUMMARY:** The Soda Springs Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National

Forest is proposing to take reservations for group camping and group day use picnicking at the Trail Canyon Group Site on the Soda Springs Ranger District. They are proposing to charge a \$40 fee per day for group camping and group day use picnicking (up to a maximum of 100 people). Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operations and maintenance, market assessment and public comment. The fee is proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. To date, an analysis of the facility shows that the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area. Use at other similar facilities on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest has shown that publics appreciate and enjoy the availability of developed recreation campground and picnicking facilities. This facility will remain free of charge during the winter season as a warming shelter. Funds from the use of these developed facilities will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of the Trail Canyon Group Site.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through July 16, 2010. Trail Canyon Group Site will become available to the public for group camping and group day use picnicking from May 15 through October 31 each year.

**ADDRESSES:** Forest Supervisor, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maury Young, Recreation Technician, 208-847-0375.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The Caribou-Targhee National Forest currently has over 40 other developed campgrounds. These campgrounds are well used and are very popular during the summer and fall seasons. A business analysis of this campground/picnic area has shown that people desire having this sort of developed recreation experience on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. A market analysis indicates that the \$40 group fee (up to a maximum of 100 people) per night is both reasonable and acceptable for this type of recreation experience.

Dated: January 25, 2010.

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