

alternatives developed that meet the purpose and need and address major issues identified during scoping. Alternatives may have different amounts, locations, and types of project activities.

Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the project record and available for public review.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies; Tribal governments; organizations; and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. This input will be used in preparation of the EIS.

Comments will be appreciated throughout the analysis process. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. It is important that those interested in the management of the Payette National Forest participate at that time.

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 completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (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 important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 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 raised by 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.

After the 45-day comment period ends on the draft EIS, the Forest Service will analyze comments received and address them in the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in 2004. The Responsible Official is the Payette National Forest Supervisor. The decision will be documented, including the rationale for the decision, in a Record of Decision (ROD). The decision will be subject to review under the Forest Service administrative appeal regulations at 36 CFR 215.

Dated: February 18, 2004.

**Mark M. Madrid,**  
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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, DC on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9-10, 2004, at the times and location noted below.

**DATES:** The schedule of events is as follows:

#### Tuesday, March 9, 2004

10:30 a.m.—Noon—*Ad Hoc* Committee on Public Outreach  
1:30–2:30 p.m.—Technical Programs Committee  
2:30–3:30—Planning and Budget Committee  
3:30–5—*Ad Hoc* Committee on Passenger Vessels (closed session)

#### Wednesday, March 10, 2004

9–11 a.m.—*Ad Hoc* Committee on Passenger Vessels (closed session)  
11–Noon—*Ad Hoc* Committee on Public Rights-of-Way (closed session)  
1:30–3 p.m.—Board meeting

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One

Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-0001 (voice) and (202) 272-0082 (TTY).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

### Open Meeting

- Approval of the January 14, 2004, Board meeting minutes.
- *Ad Hoc* Committee on Public Outreach report.
- Technical Programs Committee report.
- Planning and Budget Committee report.
- Election of officers.

### Closed Meeting

- Passenger Vessels Accessibility Guidelines.
- Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and an assistive listening system are available at all meetings. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Foreign Fishing Vessels

*Operating in Internal Waters.*

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0329.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 36.

*Number of Respondents:* 6.

*Average Hours Per Response:* .5 (30 minutes).

*Needs and Uses:* Foreign fishing vessels engaged in processing and