

closure to create conditions that support low intensity, frequent fire regimes, reduce suppression costs, and provide for fire fighter safety through mechanical and fire treatments; reduce stand density and forest fuels adjacent to arterial Forest roads to increase safe ingress and egress for public and fire fighter access in the event of wildfire both mechanically and through fire treatments; reintroduce fire to reduce the departure from the natural fire regime and to reduce juniper and pine where they have encroached on shrub and grass communities and provide wood products for public needs and for the health of local and regional economies.

Proposed Action. To meet the project need, the Paulina Ranger District is proposing to thin approximately 6,700 acres through commercial timber harvest methods and 3,200 acres through non-commercial means. Commercial harvest methods would include the use of tractors on most units (approximately 5,300 acres). Areas identified as tractor logging are areas where equipment, such as tractors/skidlers, would be used to remove a commercial product. Logging systems are still to be determined for approximately 1,500 acres. Providing wood products will include removing some standing dead wood (snags) as firewood. This will focus on stands of lodgepole pine with existing mortality from insect infestation.

Excessive fuel from management activities in this project and past projects would be reduced on approximately 7,800 acres through the use of prescribed fire. Fire would also be used to maintain low intensity fuel levels and reduce juniper on approximately 7,900 acres. Other areas of juniper encroachment are proposed for mechanical removal. An area of reduced stand density and fuel would be created in forest stands and other areas along each side of Forest system roads 12, 30, 42 and 2630 to provide for public and firefighter safety in the event of wildfire in this area.

It is anticipated that some additional roads would be needed to complete management activities. Whether any of these roads will be system roads and whether any will remain open after the project is completed will be determined during the analysis of the proposed action and any alternatives that are developed. Similarly, whether any roads reopened during this project will remain open will be determined during the analysis. The project proposes to use and enlarge a rock pit near Younger Springs. The rock would be used in construction, reconstruction and

maintenance for roads associated with implementation of proposed management actions and to increase attainment of riparian of management objectives for inland native fish. The need for other road construction, reconstruction and maintenance will be determined in the further development of proposed action and in any alternatives. Project design elements and site-specific mitigation measures will be developed during the analysis of individual activity areas for each alternative. The project design features and/or mitigation measures may include operating restrictions, mechanical reduction of soil density (subsoiling) on ground based logging units after harvest, weed control and monitoring. Within the Jackson project area, other projects are being implemented or are in the planning stage. The Deep Creek Watershed Restoration Environmental Assessment (2004) is presently being implemented. This project includes a variety of activities, including stream headcut repair, culvert replacement, and road closure and decommissioning. The Ochoco Summit PHV Trail Analysis Area is presently in the planning stage. As a part of that OHV project, designated motorized trails would be provided throughout the project area.

Issues. Issues will be identified based on public comments.

Comment. Public comments regarding this proposal are requested in order to assist in identifying issues, determine how to best manage the resources, and to focus the analysis. Comments received to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision in accordance with 36 CFR parts 215 and 217.

A draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is scheduled to be available for public review by May 2011. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. 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**. The final EIS is scheduled to be available August 2011.

Dated: October 29, 2010.

Jeff Walter,

Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Custer County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Custer, South Dakota. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is review of project proposals to be implemented in 2011.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 1019 N 5th Street at the Office of the Forest Supervisor. Written comments should be sent to 330 MT Rushmore Rd., Custer, South Dakota 57730. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lkolund@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 605-673-5461.

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 330 MT Rushmore Rd., Custer, SD. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 605-673-4853 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Kolund, District Ranger, Hell Canyon Ranger District, 605-673-4853, lkolund@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: Review of Project Proposals for implementation in 2011. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by November 12, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: November 1, 2010.

Lynn D. Kolund,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

November 1, 2010

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting, Cherokee National Forest Resource Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), [as reauthorized as part of Public Law 110-343] and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Cherokee National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Cherokee National Forest RAC meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: McGhee Tyson Airport, 2055 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701. Meeting visitors should park in the main airport parking garage and bring their parking ticket to the meeting for validation. Take the centrally located elevator in the passenger terminal to the 3rd floor and see the receptionist for directions to the meeting room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Bowerman, Designated Federal Official, Cherokee National Forest, 4900 Asheville Hwy SR 70, Greeneville, TN 37743; Telephone: 423-638-4109, e-mail: tbowerman@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Cherokee National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) proposes projects and funding to the the Secretary of Agriculture under Section 203 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, (as reauthorized as part of Pub. L. 110-343). The Cherokee National Forest RAC consists of 15 people selected to serve on the committee by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. Two Tennessee counties, Cocke and Monroe, are setting aside a percentage of their Secure Rural Schools Act payment under Title II of the Act to be used for projects on federal land. The RAC will ultimately review and recommend projects to be funded from this money. Projects approved must benefit National Forests lands. Projects can maintain infrastructure, improve the health of

watersheds and ecosystems, protect communities, and strengthen local economies. The agenda for the December 8th meeting of the Cherokee National Forest RAC will focus on review and consideration of any proposed projects. RAC meetings are open to the public.

H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.,
Forest Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest.

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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, Payette, and Sawtooth National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Tuesday November 9, 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: Kim Pierson, Designated Federal Official, at (208) 347-0301 or e-mail kpierson@fs.fed.us.

Dated: October 29, 2010.

Suzanne C. Rainville,
Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0044]

Forage Genetics International; Supplemental Request for Partial Deregulation of Roundup Ready Alfalfa

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Inspection Service has received a supplemental request for "partial deregulation" from Forage Genetics International for the planting, harvesting, and movement interstate of Roundup Ready® alfalfa under measures designed to ensure any risks posed by cultivation are mitigated. This notice seeks to inform interested or affected persons of the availability of the documents submitted to the Agency from Forage Genetics International requesting a "partial deregulation."

ADDRESSES: You may view the request for "partial deregulation" on the Regulations.gov Web site (see <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0044>) or on the APHIS Web site (see http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04_11001p_pea2.pdf). Copies may also be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Coker, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 146, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5720. To obtain copies of the supplemental request for "partial deregulation," contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734-0667, e-mail: cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered "regulated articles."

On November 24, 2004, APHIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 68300-68301, Docket No. 04-085-1) announcing receipt of a petition from the Monsanto Company (Monsanto) and Forage Genetics International (FGI) requesting a determination of nonregulated status under 7 CFR part 340 for alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.) designated as