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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Fuzzy Bighorn EIS; Clearwater National Forest, Orofino, Idaho

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Revised Notice, Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The original Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 1989 on page 31353. A Revised Notice was submitted on July 17, 1991. This revision references the Revised Notice of 1991. Changes to that Revision are as follows: The analysis area no longer includes Bighorn Creek or Weitas Creek drainages, nor is it 6600 acres as described on page 1 and page 3 of that Revision. The analysis area still encompasses Orogrande Creek, but in its entirety, instead of just a portion, and now totals approximately 57,000 acres.

Also, on page 7 of that Revision it states that the Final EIS is expected to be released March 30, 1992. That has changed. The Final EIS is now expected to be released September 30, 1995.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Lilly, Fuzzy Bighorn Interdisciplinary Team Leader, or Douglas Gober, District Ranger, Pierce Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Rt. 2, Box 191, Kamiah, ID 83536, (208) 935-2513. The Responsible Official is the Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest.

Dated: July 27, 1995.

**James Caswell,**

*Forest Supervisor, Clearwater National Forest.*

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#### Draft Revised Rio Grande National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Publication of the Draft Revised Rio Grande National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Proposed Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande National Forest is being released for public review and comment on August 10, 1995. Interest has been expressed by several interested groups and individuals for an extended comment period due to the technical complexity of the documents and the critical nature of the Revision Topics. For these reasons the Forest has decided to offer the documents for review and comment for 120 days instead of the normal 90 day period.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Public Comment period will be 120 calendar days from August 10, 1995, ending on December 7, 1995.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about this policy should be addressed to James B. Webb, Forest Supervisor, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, (719) 852-5941.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande National Forest is being released for Public review and comment on August 10, 1995. Interest has been expressed by several interested groups and individuals for an extended period due to the technical complexity of the documents and the critical nature of the Revision Topics. For these reasons the Forest has decided to offer the documents for review and comment for 120 days instead of the normal 90 day period. The comment period will last 120 days, beginning on August 10 and ending on December 7, 1995.

The Forest Interdisciplinary Planning Team prepared the DEIS and Proposed Plan with intensive public involvement prior to the formulation of the alternatives. Public involvement included persons throughout Colorado and northern New Mexico, as well as extensive mailings, to keep people

informed and to allow a two-day dialogue with the public.

This plan is the first in the region to incorporate a biodiversity assessment based on information at the Province and Ecoregion levels of ecosystems. This Plan is also the first to analyze environmental consequences based on two levels of budgets, the first being a 3 year average of experienced funding, and the second being the level necessary to fully implement the vision of the alternative. The results of this budget-driven display have been to more realistically show what we are likely to accomplish on the Forest within the planning period. One of the notable results is that we do not expect to be able to meet our ASQ with any of the alternatives which have an ASQ, and the difference between ASQ and harvest level ranges from 33 to 90 percent reduction.

The Regional Forester has selected Alternative D as the preferred alternative. The documents will be revised in response to public comments prior to the publication of the Final EIS and Forest Plan in 1996.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding the Draft documents to the address cited above.

Dated: July 26, 1995.

**William J. Gournay,**

*Acting Regional Forester.*

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#### Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute (BMNRI), Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** Pacific Northwest Research Station, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute Board of Directors will meet on September 6, 1995 at Eastern Oregon State College, Hoke Hall, Room 309, 1410 L Avenue in La Grande, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Develop concise descriptive statement of BMNRI purpose; (2) approval of three year tactical plan; (3) approval of annual work plan; (4) final review and approval of letter to Secretary of Agriculture; (5) review current year activities; and (6) public comments. All Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute Board