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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Indian River Timber Sale(s), Tongass National Forest, Chatham Area, Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to disclose the environmental impacts of proposed actions within the Indian River project area. The proposed action provides for:

(1) Construction of approximately 10.5 miles of new road from a road pool of 23.9 miles, and reconstruction of approximately 23.5 miles of existing road in conjunction with two or more timber sales; (2) harvest of 91 units covering 2,358 acres of timber from a unit pool of 178 units containing 70.7 million board feet net sawlog volume over 3,355 acres, and regeneration of new stands of trees; and (3) reconstruction and use of log transfer facilities located at Sunshine Cove (terminus of Forest Development Road 7500) and development of a new log transfer facility in the Ten Mile area (terminus of Forest Development Road 7502). This level of development would result in the harvest of approximately 34 million board feet of sawlog and utility timber volume over a three year period following approval of this document and award of contract(s). The proposed action is one alternative to achieve the purpose and need for the project. A map of the unit and road pool, and proposed action is available from the address provided.

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by December 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Indian River Planning Team, USDA Forest Service, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, Alaska 99835.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linn W. Shipley, Team Leader, USDA Forest Service, 204 Siginaka Way, Sitka, AK 99835, (907) 747-6671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This environmental impact statement will tier to the 1979 Tongass Land Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement, including the 1985-86 and 1991 amendments. The Tongass Land Management Plan provides the overall guidance (Goals, Objectives, Standards, and Management Area direction) to achieve the desired future condition for the area in which the project is proposed.

The Indian River Project Area is located about 56 air miles north of Sitka, Alaska, 22 miles south of Hoonah, Alaska, and 2 miles from Tenakee Springs, Alaska on the northeastern part of Chichagof Island.

The Project Area encompasses all or part of Value Comparison Units 204, 216, 220, 221, and 222 as designated in the Tongass Land Management Plan. These Value Comparison Units are located within Management Areas C29, C30, and C32 as described in the Tongass Land Management Plan. The project area is administered by the Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts of the Chatham Area, Tongass National Forest, Alaska.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose and need for the Indian River project is to implement the Tongass Land Management Plan by making 25 million board feet to 45 million board feet of sawlog and utility timber volume available from the project area; to provide a sustained level of wood products to meet local, national, and international demand; and to improve the timber productivity of the project area. A comparison of the desired future condition for the project area (as identified in the Tongass Land Management Plan) with the existing condition shows the need to convert suitable stands of old-growth timber to

managed productive stands capable of long-term timber production. This environmental impact statement may result in two or more timber sales under the independent sale program or in offerings to the Ketchikan Pulp Company under the terms and conditions of its long-term timber sale contract.

Decisions To Be Made

Gary A. Morrison, Forest Supervisor, Chatham Area, is the Responsible Official and will decide whether or not to authorize timber harvest within the Indian River Project Area. He will decide: (1) If the design of the timber sale offerings are consistent with meeting resource protection standards and guidelines in the Tongass Land Management Plan; (2) how much timber volume to make available; (3) the location and design of the collector and local road system needed to develop the project area; (4) the location and design of timber harvest units and log transfer facilities; (5) mitigation and monitoring measures for sound resource management; and (6) whether there may be a significant restriction on subsistence uses, and if so, other determinations required by section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Management Objectives

Management objectives that the Proposed Action is designed to address:

1. *Ecosystems*—Design timber management and associated activities to minimize disturbance in existing ecosystems and maintain viable, well distributed populations of desired vertebrate species. Unit and road designs may include partial harvest prescriptions that imitate natural disturbance patterns, silvicultural thinning plans to maintain structure and plant communities within managed units, and avoidance of sensitive areas within the Project Area.

2. *Critical Deer Winter Range*—Design timber management and associated activities to minimize disturbance in critical deer winter range within the Project Area.

3. *Subsistence*—Design timber management and associated activities to maintain opportunities to use subsistence resources by minimizing reductions in the abundance and distribution of harvestable subsistence resources, maintain reasonable access

and use of subsistence resources in an effective and efficient manner, and minimize competition between users within the Project Area.

4. *Karst and Cave Resources*—Design timber management and associated activities to protect and maintain, to the extent practical, significant caves and karst resources that are vulnerable to disturbance within the Project Area.

5. *Social and Economic*—Design timber harvest and associated activities to maintain or enhance social and economic values of local residents of Tenakee Springs and nearby communities.

6. *Visual*—Design timber harvest and associated activities to maintain inventoried visual quality objectives as seen from Tenakee Inlet near the mouth of Indian River, the area known as the mouth of 10-Mile Creek, and the coastline near Tenakee Springs.

7. *Cumulative Impacts*—Design timber harvest and associated activities to mitigate cumulative resources impacts of this project and other related management activities and adjacent to the Project Area.

Permits

To proceed with the timber harvest as proposed, various permits must be obtained from other agencies. The agencies and their responsibilities are as follows: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the responsibility for approval of discharge of dredged or fill materials into the waters of the United States (section 404 of the Clean Water Act), and approval of construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States (section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899); the Environmental Protection Agency has responsibility for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System review (section 402 of the Clean Water Act). Other agencies which will participate are as follows: State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources has responsibility for authorization for occupancy and use of tidelands and submerged lands; State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation has responsibility for the Solid Waste Disposal Permit (section 402 of Clean Water Act, (18 ACC 60.230)) and the Certificate of Reasonable Assurance (section 401 of Clean Water Act); U.S. Coast Guard has responsibility for Coast Guard Bridge Permits (in accordance with the General Bridge Act of 1946) required for all structures constructed within the tidal influence zone. Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will participate as cooperating agencies in preparation of

the environmental impact statement. We are requesting authorization from the City of Tenakee Springs for use of an existing log transfer facility site located on city-owned tidelands at Sunshine Cove.

Process Steps

Preparation of the environmental impact statement will include the following steps: (1) Public notification and scoping (approximately 45 days beginning on the date of publication of this Notice in the Federal Register;) (2) identification of significant issues related to the proposed action to be analyzed in depth; (3) development of a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action which meet the stated purpose and need for the proposed action and address significant issues; and (4) identification of the potential environmental effects of the alternatives.

For step 1, scoping announcements will be published during the week of October 29, 1995 in the *Juneau Empire* and *Sitka Daily Sentinel*, and copies of the announcement will be mailed to interested persons. This announcement will describe the timing and location of the proposed project and will request comments. It will also contain specific information about the location and timing of public involvement meetings. Scoping meetings will be held in Tenakee Springs, Angoon, and Hoonah, Alaska in November 1995.

For step 2, the Interdisciplinary Team will review comments received during the scoping period to determine issues which are significant and within the scope of this project.

Step 3 will consider a range of alternatives developed to address significant issues. One of these will be the "No Action" alternative, in which there is no harvest or road building activity. Other alternatives may consider various levels and locations of harvest and regeneration in response to issues and non-timber objectives.

In step 4, the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of each alternative will be analyzed and documented. In addition, site specific mitigation measures for each alternative will be identified and their effectiveness evaluated.

Public Participation Encouraged

In addition to commenting on the proposed action and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement when it is released, agencies and other interested persons or groups are invited to contact Forest Service officials at any time during the planning process.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in June 1996. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

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 alters 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, 1022 (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 and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on 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 Environmental Impact Statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1503.3, in addressing these points.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is expected to be released in December 1996. The Forest Supervisor for the Chatham Area of the Tongass National Forest will, as the responsible official for the environmental impact statement, make a decision regarding this proposal considering the comments, responses,

and environmental consequences discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Gary A. Morrison,
Forest Supervisor.

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Ecological Stewardship Workshop

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, in partnership with other Federal agencies, private foundations, industry associations, and environmental groups, is holding a workshop in Tucson, Arizona, entitled "Toward a Scientific and Social Framework for Ecologically Based Stewardship of Federal Lands and Water." The workshop is a working meeting of scientists and land managers who will be discussing the scientific basis and implementation options for an ecologically based approach to stewardship. Participation in the workshop is open to the public but, due to spatial constraints, is limited to the first 50 individuals who register. Persons who wish to register for the workshop must request registration materials from the Forest Service and send a completed registration form with the required fee to the University of Arizona.

DATES: The deadline for registration for the workshop is November 15, 1995. The workshop will be held December 4-15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for registration materials and additional information to Shirley Henson, c/o Ecological Stewardship Workshop, Forest Service, USDA, Ecosystem Management Staff-3C, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information about the workshop contact Shirley Henson, telephone: (202) 205-0884.

Dated: October 27, 1995.

David G. Unger,
Associate Chief.

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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 Arlington, Virginia on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14-15, 1995 at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

9:00 AM-10:30 AM Briefing on Rulemaking Process and Federal Facilities Guidelines (Closed Session)

10:45 AM-12:00 Noon Planning and Budget Committee

1:30 PM-3:15 PM Vision Statement Work Group

3:30 PM-5:00 PM Technical Programs Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

9:00 AM-12:00 Noon Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws and Statutory Review

1:30 PM-3:30 PM Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-5434 ext. 714 (voice) and (202) 272-5449 (TTY).

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 12 and September 14 Board Meetings
- Executive Director's Report
- Vision Statement Work Group Report
- Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws and Statutory Review Report
- Fiscal Year 1996 Spending Plan
- Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Request
- Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 Research Projects Status
- Fiscal Year 1996 Research Planning

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Sign language

interpreters and an assistive listening system are available at all meetings.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation.

BACKGROUND: Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspension of investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may request, in accordance with section 353.22 or 355.22 of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations (19 CFR 353.22/355.22 (1993)), that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A REVIEW: Not later than November 30, 1995, interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in November for the following periods:

| | Period |
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| Antidumping Duty Proceedings | |
| Argentina: Barbed Wire and Barbless Fencing Wire | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |
| (A-357-405) | |
| Argentina: Carbon Steel Wire Rods | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |
| (A-357-007) | |
| Brazil: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe (A-351-809) | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |
| Germany: Drycleaning Machinery | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |
| (A-428-037) | |
| Japan: Bicycle Speedometers | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |
| (A-588-038) | |
| Japan: Light Scattering Instruments | 11/01/94-10/31/95 |