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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Emerald Bay Timber Sale Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide timber for the Ketchikan Area timber sale program. The Record of Decision will disclose how the Forest Service has decided to provide harvest units and associated timber harvesting facilities. The proposed action is to harvest an estimated 15 million board feet (mmbf) of timber on approximately 900 acres in a single timber sale. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues will be developed, including a no action alternative. The proposed timber harvest is located within Tongass Forest Plan Value Comparison Unit 721 on Cleveland Peninsula, Alaska, on the Ketchikan Ranger District, Ketchikan Area, Tongass National Forest.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by September 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to: Forest Supervisor's Office, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Area, Attn.: Emerald Bay EIS, Federal Building, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pete Griffin, Acting District Ranger, Ketchikan Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, telephone (907) 228-4100 or Craig Trulock, Planning Silviculturist, Ketchikan Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, telephone (907) 228-4125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation will be an integral component of the study process and

will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first is during the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State and local agencies, individuals, and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. The scoping process will include: (1) identification of potential issues, (2) identification of issues to be analyzed in depth, and (3) elimination of insignificant issues or those which have been covered by a previous environmental review. Written scoping comments will be solicited through a scoping package that will be sent to the project mailing list and to the local newspaper. For the Forest Service to best use the scoping input, comments should be received by September 15, 1998. Preliminary issues identified for analysis in the EIS include the potential effects of the project on, and the relationship of the project to: subsistence resources, timber supply and economics, and others.

Based on the results of scoping and the resource capabilities within the Project Area, alternatives, including a no action alternative, will be developed for the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in January 1999. Subsistence hearings, as provided for in Title VIII, Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), will be held during the comment period on the Draft EIS if needed. The Final EIS is anticipated by May 1999.

The comment period on the Draft EIS will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the EPA 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 EISs 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)). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the Draft EIS stage 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 courts rulings, it is very 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 they can be meaningfully considered and responded to in the Final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns of the Proposed Action, comments during scoping and on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible and refer to specific pages or chapters. Comments may address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed. In addressing these points reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act in 40 CFR 1503.3. Comments received in response to this solicitation, 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. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission, from the public record, by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Requesters should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality. If the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within seven days.

Permits: required for implementation include the following:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
2. Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (402) Permit

- Review Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan
- 3. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
 - Tideland Permit and Lease or Easement
- 4. State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Solid Waste Disposal Permit
 - Certification of Compliance with Alaska Water Quality Standards (401 Certification)

Responsible Official: Bradley E. Powell, Forest Supervisor, Ketchikan Area, Tongass National Forest, Federal Building, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, is the responsible official. In making the decision, the responsible official will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The responsible official will state the rationale for the chosen alternative in the Record of Decision.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Bradley E. Powell,

Forest Supervisor.

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: August 25-26, 1998.

PLACE: ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: August 25: 9:00 a.m. Closed; August 26: 2:00 p.m. Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Closed Meeting

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meeting
2. Review of Assassination Records
3. Other Business

Open Meeting

1. Discussion of Final Report
2. Review and Accept Minutes of July 21, 1998 Open Meeting
3. Other Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen Sullivan, Press Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

Laura Denk,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 997]

Microchip Technology Inc. (Semiconductors), Chandler and Tempe, AZ; Grant of Authority for Subzone Status

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the City of Phoenix, Arizona, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 75, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the semiconductor manufacturing plants of Microchip Technology Inc., located at sites in Chandler and Tempe, Arizona, was filed by the Board on October 30, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 78-97, 62 FR 60219, 11/7/97); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the semiconductor manufacturing plants of Microchip Technology Inc., located at sites in Chandler and Tempe, Arizona (Subzone 75H), at the locations described in the application, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 31st day of July 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 996]

Hewlett-Packard Company (Computer and Related Electronic Products), San Jose, CA; Grant of Authority for Subzone Status

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the City of San Jose, California, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 18, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the computer and electronic products manufacturing facilities of the Hewlett-Packard Company, located at sites in the San Jose, California, area, was filed by the Board on June 19, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 52-97, 62 FR 35151, 6/30/97; amended 8/25/97); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application, as amended, is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the computer and related electronic