

associated with the proposal and (3) any possible impacts associated with proposal based on an individual's civil rights (race, color, national origin, age, relation, gender, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status). We are especially interested in information that might identify a specific undesired result of implementing the proposed actions. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and address 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 decisions under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any persons may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality 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 and, should the request be denied, return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 90 days.

#### **Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review**

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. 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 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, 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 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 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 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 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.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Forest Service**

#### **Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on October 18, and 19, 2004, in Redding and Willows, California. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct annual implementation monitoring of two projects completed in previous years, relating to standards and guidelines in the Northwest Forest Plan (NFWP).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. October 18 and 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the field both days, beginning at the Trinity Conference Room in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA, 96002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Nelson, Northwest Sacramento PAC staff liaison, USDA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA, 96002; (530) 226-2429; e-mail: [jknelson@fs.fed.us](mailto:jknelson@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The two projects to be monitored are: (1) Green Mountain Prescribed Fire, Shasta Lake Ranger District of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest; and (2) Salt Log Timber Sale Burn, Grindstone Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest. The meeting is open to the public.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of Industry and Security**

#### **President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will meet on October 20, 2004, 10 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The PECSEA provides advice on matters pertinent to those portions of the Export Administration Act, as amended, that deal with United States policies of encouraging trade with all countries with which the United States has diplomatic or trading relations and of controlling trade for national security and foreign policy reasons.

#### **Public Session**

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and Export Administration update.
3. Export Enforcement update.
4. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

#### **Closed Session**

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSEA. Written statements may be