

3. Eliminate minor issues or those which have been covered by a relevant previous environmental analysis, such as the Gallatin Forest Plan EIS.

4. Identify alternatives to the proposed action.

5. Identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects).

6. Determine potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.

The following preliminary issues have been identified so far:

- Potential effects to changes in sediment yield and channel stability associated with the proposed new construction.
- Potential impacts to Yellowstone Cutthroat trout habitat in the South Fork of Brackett Creek due to potential changes in sediment delivery.
- Potential impacts to the primitive Bridger roadless area which surrounds the current ski area to the south, north, and west. The proposal includes the development of ski lifts and ski trails adjacent to and within this area.
- The proposal includes additional ski runs and lifts in the Pine-Slushman area to the south of the current ski area and additional ski runs and lifts to the north. This proposal has the potential to change the existing visual condition as observed from various locations in the Bridger canyon.
- The proposal includes expanded season of use. The use pattern of the national forest road and trails within the permitted area may be affected.
- Potential effects to the adjacent cross-country ski trail system authorized on national forest land.
- Effects to the traffic patterns and potential increase on the highway to the ski area and its compliance to current county land use planning.

Other issues commonly associated with ski area development include: effects on cultural resources, water quality, soils, sensitive species, and scenery values. This list may be verified, expanded, or modified based on public scoping for this proposal.

The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review in November of 1997. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the Draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA's notice of availability appears in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those interested in management of the Bridger Bowl ski area participate at that time. To be most helpful, comments on the Draft EIS

should be as site-specific as possible. The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by June, 1998.

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 scoping 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 developing issues and alternatives.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. 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.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement. My address is Gallatin National Forest, P.O. Box 130, Federal Building, Bozeman, MT 59771.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on June

19, 1997, at the State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: effectiveness monitoring and a series of informational presentations on the Oregon Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone 503-326-6265).

Dated: June 3, 1997.

**Donald R. Knowles,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List Proposed Additions and Deletion

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and deletion from procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** July 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons