

goshawk (FR, June 29, 1998, Vol. 63, No. 124, pages 35183–35184). This notice stated that the Intermountain Region was proposing to amend regional direction, Regional Guide, and/or Forest Plans to incorporate interim direction in the form of goals and objectives, desired habitat conditions, standards and guidelines, and monitoring requirements developed in response to new scientific information concerning the management of forested habitat for the northern goshawk and its prey in Utah. A notice was filed in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 64, No. 24, pages 5758–5764) on February 5, 1999 stating that the scoping phase of public involvement for the Utah Northern Goshawk Habitat Management Project was beginning. That notice described the proposed management direction (in the form of goals, standards and guidelines, and monitoring requirements) and a desired habitat condition statement giving a portrayal of land conditions expected to result from the implementation of the proposed management direction over time.

This is a programmatic environmental assessment that examines six alternatives which address issues identified through the scoping and public involvement phases of the project. The Environmental Assessment is available electronically on the Project's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/goshawk.

DATES: Written comments should be sent to the Utah Northern Goshawk project by January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: USDA Forest Service, Utah Northern Goshawk Project Team, c/o Uinta NF, P.O. Box 1428, Provo, UT 84601, or on-line at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/goshawk, or e-mail to: goshawk3/r4_uinta@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Christopher L. Pyron,

Deputy Regional Forester, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Analysis of Beaver Park Project Area; Black Hills National Forest; Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District; Lawrence and Meade Counties, SD

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.10(g), the District Ranger of the Spearfish/

Nemo Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the analysis of the Beaver Park Project Area. The responsible official for this project is John C. Twiss, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the District Ranger, Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, 2014 N. Main, Spearfish, SD 57783.

DATES: This project schedule is as follows: File Draft EIS—December 1999. File Final EIS and Record of Decision signature—February 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Natvig, Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader, 605–642–4622. Additional information, such as maps, scoping summary and list of issues identified through the scoping process can be obtained by written request to the Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District office, or by phone at the above address and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Timber harvest and associated activities within the Beaver Park Project Area (24,415 acres) is proposed by the Spearfish/Nemo Ranger District to address a growing mountain pine beetle epidemic. The 1997 Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), which guides management of the Black Hills National Forest, identifies management goals and objectives relating to insect outbreaks and epidemics. The planning team has identified that there is a need for activities in the Beaver Park Project Area in order to meet these Forest Plan goals and objectives. The purpose and need for the project is to: (1) Reduce mountain pine beetle populations in pine stands; (2) cooperate with other agencies and private entities in efforts to decrease risk of a mountain pine beetle outbreak in the adjacent Sturgis Community Watershed and other private lands; and (3) reduce the susceptibility of vegetation to catastrophic fire and outbreaks of mountain pine beetles.

Proposed activities include commercial timber harvest (both sanitation harvest of beetle infested trees, and commercial thinning harvest), road construction and reconstruction associated with commercial timber harvest, non-commercial treatment of beetle infested trees, pheromone baiting, prescribed burning, and mechanical fuel treatment.

This project area includes Beaver Park, a 5,109 acre inventoried (RARE II) roadless area. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the 1997 Forest Plan did not

recommend wilderness designation for Beaver Park, and placed this area into 4 management emphasis areas. The majority of the area (2,637 acres) is to be managed for Backcountry Non-motorized Recreation (Management Area (MA) 3.32), and is not part of the land base considered suitable for timber harvest. Another 106 acres was placed into the Sturgis Experimental Watershed (MA 5.3B), an area set aside for watershed research, and not part of the suitable land base. The remaining area was placed into the land base considered suitable for timber harvest; 1,795 acres are to be managed for Limited Motorized Use and Forest Production Emphasis (MA 4.1), and 571 acres are to be managed for Big Game Winter Range Emphasis. This proposed action includes timber harvest and new road construction within the roadless area.

Preliminary issues include effects from management activities on the roadless and natural characteristics of the Beaver Park roadless area (especially in MA 3.32), and the result this would have on future wilderness or Research Natural Area status. Issues also include effects of the mountain pine beetle epidemic on the City of Sturgis Community Watershed and Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Watershed, on wildfire risk, visual resources, and the Centennial Trail.

The EIS will analyze a range of alternatives including, (A) No Action; (B) Maximum Beetle Suppression, including timber harvest and road construction within the roadless area; (C) Beetle Suppression with No Roads in MA 3.32; (D) Beetle Suppression Outside the Beaver Park Roadless Area; and (E) Beetle Suppression with only Sanitation/Salvage Harvest in the Beaver Park Roadless Area. Alternatives B through D include road construction and the use of conventional and cable logging systems. Alternative E is similar to D outside the roadless area, but includes helicopter logging within the roadless area. All action alternatives include removal of currently infested trees and thinning of healthy stands to reduce the risk of beetle infestation.

The decision to be made in the Beaver Park Project Area is whether or not to control the existing mountain pine beetle epidemic, and by what strategy, as displayed in the various alternatives. This decision will include whether or not to control the epidemic within the roadless area boundary, and whether or not to allow new road construction within the roadless area. The decision on this project will abide by the terms of any decision issued on appeals of the Revised Forest Plan. The Black Hills

National Forest is exempt from the existing 18 month interim roads rule in roadless areas, due to the recently completed Revised Forest Plan.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be a minimum of 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, 1033 (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.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Pamela E. Brown,
District Ranger.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 1999, at the State Capitol Building, Governor's Conference Room, (Office of the Secretary of State, Room 157), 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. The Committee will review developments since its two community forums and discuss its future report to the Commission. In preparation for its next forum in Charleston, the Committee will hear from invited guests on civil rights topics, including police-community relations and State and local assistance to persons with disabilities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Gregory T. Hinton, 304-367-4244, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 3, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Compact Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings and Glands From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administration Review

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

ACTION: Notice of recession of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On November 16, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 57573) the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain compact ductile iron waterworks fittings and glands (CDIW) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). We are terminating this review as a result of the timely withdrawal by Star Pipe Products, Inc. (Star Pipe) of its request for the review. Star Pipe was the only interested party that requested this review. This notice replaces one signed on February 15, 1996, but inadvertently not published in the **Federal Register**. at that time

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Stolz or James Terpstra, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4474 or (202) 482-3965, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 29, 1995, Star Pipe, an interested party, requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on CDIW from the PRC for the period September 1, 1994, through August 31, 1995, pursuant to 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. On November 16, 1995, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 57573) the notice initiation of that administrative review. Star Pipe timely withdrew its request for review on January 24, 1996, pursuant to the applicable regulation in effect at the time. See 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5). There were no other requests for this review. As a result, the Department is terminating this review. A determination to terminate the review was issued on February 15, 1996, but the original notice was lost and never published. This notice is being published to correct this error.

This notice is published in accordance with section 353.213(d)(4) for the Department's regulations.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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