

Forest Service Road 50145. To its termini near the center of Section 11, T16S R6E. A private road will be constructed from Section 11 Northward to SITLA inholdings, in Section 36, T15S R6E. The private road construction will continue through the SITLA land in Section 2, T16S R6E and cross the National Forest in Section 35 T15S R6E, SLM for the purpose of connecting to SITLA land located at Section 36 T15S R6E, SLM.

Prima Oil & Gas Company

The Forest Service also proposes to allow Prima Oil & Gas Company access to their lease via Forest Service Roads and use of National Forest System Lands to construct an oil and gas drill pad consistent with the conditions of Primas lease and the Manti La Sal Land Management and Resource Plan. The drill pad is proposed to be located at the intersection of Forest Service Roads 50244 and 50145.

Responsible Official

The Responsible Official for the Record of Decision is Elaine J. Zieroth, Forest Supervisor, Manti-LaSal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501.

Scoping Process

This revised notice of intent initiates a new scoping process which guides the development of the EIS. Scoping will be by newspaper legal notice, mailings to interested parties and quarterly schedule of proposed actions. No public meetings are planned.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues have been identified. They include the effects to the undeveloped character of the East Mountain Inventoried Roadless Area, land stability and effects to wildlife.

Comment Requested

If you choose to participate, your comments should be in writing and as specific as possible. All comments will be considered. Please note: comments submitted, as well as the names and addresses of those who comment, are considered part of the public record and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. If you provide a comment, you will remain on our mailing list for this project. If you do not comment but want to remain on the mailing list, please notify us. Those who do not comment or otherwise notify us will be dropped from the mailing list for this project. The estimated dates for filing the draft EIS is April 2003 and the FEIS is August 2003.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A DEIS will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the DEIS 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 DEIS 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 DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the FEIS 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 FEIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS 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 DEIS 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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, section 21 and 21.2.

Dated: December 5, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Privatization discussion meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2002.

PLACE: Room 4062, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: The business advisor will report on the status of current privatization projects. A teleconference will be arranged for out-of-town Board members' participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: December 11, 2002.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl Kennerly (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 11 and October 18, 2002, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (67 FR 63376 and 64351) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions