

of the Bureau of Land Management in the Silver Creek and Deer Creek drainages. These areas were burned within the Biscuit Fire.

Scoping Process. Public participation will be sought at several points during the analysis, including listing of this project in the Spring 2003 and subsequent issues of the Siskiyou National Forest's quarterly publication "Schedule of Proposed Activities," and letters to agencies, organizations, tribes, and individuals who have previously indicated their interest in such activities. Information about the project can be found at <http://www.biscuitfire.com>.

The scoping process will include: identifying potential issues, identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth, eliminating non-significant issues or those previously covered by a relevant environmental analysis, considering additional alternatives which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities, and identifying potential environmental effects of this proposed action and alternatives (*i.e.* direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).

Comments. Some of the preliminary issues that have been identified include the effects of the proposed action on: landscape pattern and habitat diversity; fire hazard associated with the change in fuels; water quality; threatened, endangered or sensitive species; salvage logging; reforestation and activities in Inventoried Roadless Areas.

Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to assist in properly scoping issues, determining how to best manage the resources, and fully analyzing environmental effects. Comments received to this notice, 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; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 and 217. Additionally, 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. 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 where 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 a specified number of days.

A draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review by July 2003. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the NOA appears in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is expected in November 2003.

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 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. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the

public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available November 2003. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The Forest Service is the lead agency and the Responsible Official is the Forest Supervisor, Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests. The responsible official will decide whether or not, and where, to salvage harvest timber, construct fuel-breaks, plant trees and other vegetation, prevent or mitigate pest outbreaks, repair facilities, stabilize soils, and mitigate safety hazards. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how much monitoring of effects will take place.

The Responsible Official will document the Biscuit Fire Recovery Project decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Scott D. Conroy,
Forest Supervisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana 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 Montana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6 p.m. and adjourn at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2003, at the Holiday Inn Express, 701 Washington Street, Helena, Montana 59601. The purpose of the briefing is a follow up activities to the Committee's report, Equal Educational Opportunity for Native American Students in Montana Public Schools.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact, John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303-866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). 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 in Washington, DC, March 13, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security.

Title: BIS Program Evaluation.

Agency Form Number: N/A.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0125.

Type of Request: Emergency clearance.

Burden: 650 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 3,900 respondents.

Needs and Uses: This survey capability is needed by BIS seminar instructors at seminar programs throughout the year. Seminar participants will be asked to fill out the evaluation form during the program and turn it in at the end of the program. The responses to these questions will provide useful and practical information that BIS can use to determine that it is providing a quality program and gives BIS information useful to making recommended improvements.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, DOC Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 14, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 15-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 92—Harrison County, Mississippi, Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 92D, Chevron Products Company, Pascagoula, MS

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Mississippi Coast Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, requesting authority on behalf of Chevron Products Company (Chevron), to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures within Subzone 92D at the Chevron oil refinery complex in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 11, 2003.

Subzone 92D (3,100 acres, 1,200 employees) was approved by the Board in 1995 and is located on the Mississippi Sound, east of Pascagoula, some 35 miles east of Gulfport, in Jackson County, Mississippi. Authority was granted for the manufacture of fuel products and certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (Board Order 747, 60 FR 32503, June 22, 1995, as amended by Board Order 1116, 65 FR 52696, August 30, 2000).

The refinery (310,000 barrels per day) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. The expansion request involves several modified and upgraded processing units. The reconfigured facilities will increase the overall capacity of the refinery to 360,000 BPD. The feedstocks used and product slate will remain unchanged. Some 95 percent of the crude oil will be sourced from abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the new refinery facilities from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. Some 15 percent of the plant's shipments are exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates for certain petrochemical feedstocks (duty-free) by admitting foreign crude oil in non-privileged foreign status. The

application indicates that the savings from zone procedures help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions Via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St. NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions Via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. The closing period for their receipt is May 19, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 2, 2003).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 535 Delmas Avenue, Suite 2, Pascagoula, MS 39567.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 14-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 40—Cleveland, OH, Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 40, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, within the Cleveland Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on March 10, 2003.

FTZ 40 was approved on September 29, 1978 (Board Order 135, 43 FR 46886,