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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Final Amendment to the Army Alternate Procedures

AGENCY: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

ACTION: Notice of adoption of amendment to the Army alternate procedures.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 2003, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ("ACHP") adopted an amendment to the Army Alternate Procedures ("AAP") setting a process for technical and administrative amendments to the AAP.

DATES: The approved amendment went into effect on June 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Berwick, Army Program Manager, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 202-606-8531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of intent to amend the AAP was published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, May 16, 2003 (68 FR 95). No comments were received from the general public during the 30-day comment period. Accordingly, no changes were made to the original proposed language.

The approved amendment will allow the Chairman of the ACHP to approve administrative and technical amendments to the AAP:

7.1(d) Upon request by Headquarters, Department of the Army, the Council may adopt technical and/or administrative amendments to the Army Alternate Procedures. Such amendments will take effect upon approval by the Council's Chairman. The Council shall publish in the *Federal Register* a notice of such amendment within 30 days after their approval. Technical and administrative amendments shall not modify the role of consulting parties in the Army Alternate Procedures.

Authority: 36 CFR 800.14(a)

Dated: July 7, 2003.

Sharon Conway,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sheep Creek Fire Salvage, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Beaverhead County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of the salvage harvest of timber killed as a result of fire in the Canyon Creek, Boulder Creek, Cascade Creek, Sage Creek, and Runaway Creek drainages (herein referred to as the Sheep Creek Project). The project area is located 15 miles west of Wisdom, Montana, north of State Highway 43, just west of the Placer Creek Road. The project area is outside of inventoried roadless areas.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be postmarked within 30 days of the date of publishing of this legal notice. The draft environmental impact statement is expected February, 2004 and the final environmental impact statement is expected June of 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice or a request to be placed on the project mailing list should be addressed to Chris Tootell, TEAMS, 200 East Broadway, suite 251, Missoula, Montana, 59807. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to r1_b-d_comments@fs.fed.us. (Please not that there is a "one" after the letter r, not an "L.") The subject line in the e-mail message should contain the title "Sheep Creek Fire Salvage Project." If you choose to comment by e-mail, please include your name and regular mailing address with the comment. Comments may also be sent via facsimile to (406) 689-3245, C/O Dennis Havig, Wisdom Ranger District.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public

inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Wisdom Ranger District, Wisdom, MT. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (406) 689-3243 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Tootell, Environmental Resource Coordinator, TEAMS Enterprise unit, USDA Forest Service (406) 329-3459. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project area is located within sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 18, T.2S., R.17W., and sections 1, 12 and 13, T.2S., R.18W.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for the proposed action is to move toward the desired conditions as described in the Beaverhead National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The proposed action is located on lands classified as "available and suitable for timber production" (LRMP, p. III-48 and III-63). Congress has recognized the treatments; the estimated timber volume to make available from the project area; the estimated amount of temporary road construction needed; and mitigation measures and monitoring requirements.

Scoping Process

Public participation is important to this analysis. Part of the goal of public involvement is to identify additional issues and to refine the general, tentative issues. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has developed a listing of individuals and organizations that have expressed an interest in being informed of and providing input to vegetation management and fuel reduction projects. This list of individuals and organizations include private citizens, businesses, various organizations, Native American groups, and federal, state and county agencies. All of these contacts will be sent the initial scoping document.

Preliminary Issues

The following list of preliminary issues was developed for the project area by the Forest Service