

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03-112-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03-112-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 03-112-1" on the subject line.

To obtain copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, contact the National Center for Animal Health Programs, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4923. The documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/es/vsdocs.html>.

You may also read the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, and any comments we receive on those documents, in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Gertonson, Yellowstone Brucellosis Coordinator, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, Building B MSC 3E13, 2150 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117; (970) 494-7363.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Brucellosis is a contagious disease caused by *Brucella* bacteria. It can infect cattle, bison, elk, other animals, and humans. In cattle, bison, and elk, the specific disease organism is *Brucella abortus*. In infected cattle and bison, the

disease organism localizes in lymph nodes, reproductive organs, and/or the udder, causing abortion in females and systemic effects in both males and females. Brucellosis is transmitted through contaminated and untreated milk and milk products and through direct contact with an infected aborted fetus or calf, afterbirth, or other reproductive tract discharges.

Brucellosis is considered one of the most serious diseases of livestock. While its hallmark symptom is abortion, brucellosis can also result in decreased milk production, weight loss in animals, infertility, and lameness. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has worked for years to eliminate this disease from the United States.

The only known reservoir of *Brucella abortus* in the United States occurs in wild, free-ranging populations of bison and elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), which comprises areas of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The significance of wildlife in the GYA as a reservoir of brucellosis and potential source of infection for cattle in the GYA has been widely recognized. Additionally, free-ranging bison herds in the GYA are a natural resource of great importance.

To address the issue of brucellosis in the GYA, the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service, the State of Montana, and their cooperators (including the U.S. Department of Agriculture) developed an Interagency Bison Management Plan for the bison herd in Yellowstone National Park (YNP). One of the disease management requirements of the plan is for eligible bison to be vaccinated against brucellosis.

The Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) has requested APHIS's assistance with the vaccination against brucellosis of wild, free-ranging bison calves and non-pregnant yearlings that leave YNP and migrate onto State, private, or other Federal lands. The MDOL anticipates starting bison vaccination as early as this winter, using Strain RB51 vaccine, when bison begin to leave YNP in search of vegetation.

APHIS has completed an environmental assessment (EA) that examines the potential environmental effects of APHIS's involvement in the vaccination described above. Our review and analysis are documented in detail in an EA entitled "Subcutaneous Vaccination of Wild, Free-Ranging Bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area; Environmental Assessment (November 2003)." Based on that EA, APHIS has determined that subcutaneous vaccination of wild, free-ranging bison

of the GYA with Strain RB51 vaccine will not significantly impact human health or the environment. That determination is set forth in a document titled "Finding of No Significant Impact for Subcutaneous Vaccination of Wild, Free-Ranging Bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area; Environmental Assessment (November 2003)."

We are making the EA and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) available to the public for review and comment. (Instructions for obtaining copies of the EA and FONSI are included under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice.) We will consider all comments on the EA and FONSI that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice. Following the close of the comment period, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** in which we will discuss any issues raised by commenters.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and

(4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of December, 2003.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Fork Wildfire Salvage Project, Boise National Forest, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a resource management project in the South Fork Salmon River. The entire project area is located within watersheds that drain directly into the South Fork Salmon River or its tributaries, downstream of Warm Lake. The project area is located 25 miles northeast of Cascade, Idaho, and about 120 miles north of Boise, Idaho.

The agency invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. The agency also hereby gives notices of the environmental analysis and decision-making process that will occur on the proposal so interested and affected people are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision. At this time no public meetings to discuss the project are planned.

Proposed Action: The primary objective of the project is to capture the value of fire-killed and imminently dead timber not needed to maintain or improve post-fire ecological function in the short (3–15 years) and long term (15+ years). To further the achievement of Forest Plan goals, road maintenance and decommissioning activities have been integrated with the salvage proposal to support identified aquatic and watershed restoration activities. Revenue generated from the salvage operation would be used to accomplish all or some of these road-related activities.

The Proposed Action would harvest fire-killed and imminently dead trees from a total of 2,536 acres in the 6,822-acre project area. Only those trees not needed to maintain or improve post-fire ecological function in the short (3–15 years) and long term (15+ years) would be harvested. An estimated 5.0 MMBF of timber would be available for harvest using ground-based (780 acres) and helicopter (1,756 acres) yarding systems. The Proposed Action would employ the salvage prescription only.

No new road construction or reconstruction, as defined in the Revised Forest Plan, would occur. An estimated 0.1 mile of road 401, 0.9 mile of road 467, and 0.4 mile of road 488 would be restored through maintenance activities to their approved road management objectives to improve fish habitat and hydrologic conditions, and reduce sedimentation. Specifically, three additional culverts and one hardened drive-through dip would be installed and two existing culverts replaced on road 401; eight additional culverts installed and 0.5 mile of the surface graveled on road 467, and; 0.4 mile of the surface graveled on road 488.

An estimated 0.3 mile of existing roads (401C, 487, and 467A), currently closed year-round to motorized traffic, would be decommissioned to prevent unauthorized use. These three roads (401C, 487, and 467A) and their associated arterial roads (487A, 487B, 487B1, 487D, 467A1, and 467A2) would be removed from the transportation system. Decommissioning of this 0.3 mile would effectively prevent

unauthorized access on roughly 10 miles of road.

Preliminary Issues: Preliminary concerns with the Proposed Action include potential impacts on: (1) Fish habitat and water quality; (2) inventoried roadless areas; (3) visual quality of the area, and; (4) the suitable Wild and Scenic River corridor.

Possible Alternatives To The Proposed Action: One alternative to the Proposed Action that has been discussed thus far is a no action alternative. Other alternatives will likely be developed as issues are identified and information received.

Decisions To Be Made: The Boise National Forest Supervisor will decide the following. What amount, type, and distribution of dead and imminently dead trees within the wildfire area should be retained to improve or maintain post-fire ecological conditions? If dead and imminently dead trees within the wildfire area are found not to be needed to improve or maintain ecosystem functions, how should they be harvested while still protecting post-fire ecological conditions? Should existing classified roads within the project area receive maintenance activities to improve fish habitat and hydrologic conditions and reduce sedimentation, and if so, where within the project area? Should portions of roads currently closed year-round to motorized traffic be decommissioned to prevent unauthorized use, and if so, which roads? What design features and/or mitigation measures should be applied to proposed activities to help ensure the activities do not retard attainment of post-fire ecological recovery in the short and long term?

DATES: Substantive comments concerning the proposed project and analysis are encouraged and should be postmarked or received within 30 days following publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Substantive comments should be addressed to the Cascade Ranger District, ATTN: Keith Dimmett, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, ID 83611 or sent electronically to comments-intermtn-boise-cascade@fs.fed.us. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text or another format compatible with Microsoft Word. Substantive comments are those within the scope of, are specific to, and have a direct relationship to the proposed action and include supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Comments received in response to this request will be available for public inspection and will be released in their entirety if requested

pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information can be obtained from Keith Dimmett at the address mentioned above or by calling 208–382–7400.

Schedule: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), February 2004. Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), May 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Roughly half of the project area has been inventoried as roadless, including portions of both the Reeves Creek and Caton Lake Inventoried Roadless Areas. None of the activities associated with the Proposed Action would occur within any inventoried roadless area. With the exception of trees already felled within the powerline corridor, harvest would not occur within streamside riparian conservation areas (RCAs).

The entire project area lies within Management Area 19 (Warm Lake), discussed on pages III–316 through III–331 in the Revised Boise National Land and Resource Management Plan. Several management prescription categories apply within this management area, however only Management Prescription Categories 2.1, 3.2, and 4.2 occur within the project area.

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 the 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 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, 1002 (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 DEIS 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.

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.

Responsible Official: Richard A. Smith, Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest, 1249 South Vinnell Way, Suite 200, Boise, ID 83709.

Dated: November 26, 2003.

Richard A. Smith,

Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete products previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: January 4, 2004.

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 D. Kennerly, (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 an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product or service will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies

employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited.

Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Service Type/Location: Document

Destruction. At the following Locations and for the Nonprofit Agencies Indicated: Camarillo Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 751 Daily Drive, Camarillo, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, El Centro Office, IRS, 1699 W. Main Street, El Centro, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, El Monte Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 9350 E. Flair Drive, El Monte, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, El Segundo Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 222 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Glendale Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 225 W. Broadway, Glendale, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Laguna Niguel Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 24000 Avila Road, Laguna Niguel, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, Long Beach Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long

Beach, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, Los Angeles Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Norwalk Office, IRS, 12440 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Palm Springs Office, IRS, 980 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, San Bernardino Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 290 N. "D" Street, San Bernardino, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, San Diego Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 880 Front Street, and 701 "B" Street, San Diego, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, San Marcos Office, IRS, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, Santa Ana Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 34 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California.

NPA: Landmark Services, Inc., Santa Ana, California, Van Nuys Office, IRS (Including the Criminal Investigation Division), 6230 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Woodland Hills Office, IRS, 6340 Variel Ave, Woodlands Hills, California.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

Contract Activity: IRS-Western Area Procurement Branch-APFW, San Francisco, California.

Service Type/Location: Mailing Services, Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan.

NPA: Jewish Vocational Service and Community Workshop, Southfield, Michigan.

Contract Activity: U.S. District Court, Detroit, Michigan.

Deletions

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1. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish