

considered non-significant because they are: (1) Beyond the scope of the proposed action and its purpose and need; (2) already decided by law, regulation, or the Land and Resource Management Plan; (3) irrelevant to the decision to be made; or (4) conjectural and not supported by scientific or factual evidence.

**Alternatives:** Alternatives proposed to date are the Proposed Action as describe above and the No Action.

**Identification of permits or licenses required:** No permits or licenses have been identified to implement the proposed action.

**Lead, joint lead, and cooperating agencies:** The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for this proposal; there are no cooperating agencies.

**Estimated dates for filing:** The expected filing date with the Environmental Protection Agency for the draft EIS March 6, 2006. The expected filing date for the final EIS is July 24, 2006.

**Person to which comments may be mailed:** Comments may be submitted to: District Ranger, Hat Creek Ranger District, at P.O. Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA, 96028 or (530) 336-5758 (fax) during normal business hours. The Hat Creek Ranger District business hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Electronic comments, in acceptable plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) formats, may be submitted to: *comments-pacificsouthwest-lassen-hatcreek@fs.fed.us* using Subject: North 49 Forest Health Recovery Project.

**Reviewer's obligation to comment:** The comment period on the draft EIS will be 49 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability of the draft EIS 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 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, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Stawiarski, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, may be contacted by phone at (530) 336-5521 for more information about the proposed action and the environmental impact statement or at the Hat Creek Ranger District, P.O. Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA 96028.

**Responsible official and mailing address:** Laurie Tippin, Forest Supervisor, 2550 S. Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130.

Dated: October 27, 2005.

**Elizabeth Norton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, November 14, 2005. The meeting will include routine business and the review and recommendation for implementation of submitted project proposals.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 14, 2005, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Talley, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4423 or electronically at *rtalley@fs.fed.us*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: October 27, 2005.

**Margaret J. Boland,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Announcement of Performance Review Board Members

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the names of new and existing members of the Economic Development Administration's Performance Review Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deanna Shepherd, Economic Development Administration, Office of Human Resources, at (202) 482-2686, Room 7217, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 430.310 requires agencies to publish notice of Performance Review Board appointees in the **Federal Register** before their service begins. The role of the Performance Review Board is to review and make recommendations to the appointing authority on performance management issues such as appraisals, pay adjustments, bonuses, and Presidential Rank Awards for members of the Senior Executive Service. Sandy K. Baruah, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration (EDA) has named the following members of the Economic Development Administration Performance Review Board:

1. Aimee Strudwick, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, (Chairperson) (new);
2. Barbara Retzlaff, Director, Office of Budget, Office of the Secretary (new);
3. John Kneuer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for