

identify the scope and 'significant' issues to be addressed in an environmental impact statement." *Id.* at 2 (quoting 40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.4(g), 1501.7, 1508.25). "With respect to past actions, during the scoping process and subsequent preparation of the analysis, the agency must determine what information regarding past actions is useful and relevant to the required analysis of cumulative effects." *Id.* at 3.

#### Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the supplemental environmental impact statement. Comments regarding the revised cumulative effects analysis will be accepted for 45 days after this notification in the **Federal Register**. These comments will help the Forest Service determine the scope of the requisite cumulative effects analysis, and what information regarding past actions is useful and relevant. Send written comments to Darcy Pederson, District Ranger, 1005 Highway 13, Grangeville, Idaho 83530, Attn: Meadow Face Stewardship.

#### Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared after consideration of responses to this scoping and completion of the requisite cumulative effects analysis. The comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

It is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement must structure their comments so they are meaningful and alert the 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 supplemental environmental impact statement stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the final supplemental 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). It is very important that those interested in the cumulative effects analysis for the

Meadow Face Stewardship Pilot Project participate by the close of the 45-day comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement 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 supplemental environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in completing the final supplemental environmental impact statement, comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will need to 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.

Comments received in response to this scoping notice as well as comments received on the subsequent Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, 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.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of New Fee Sites on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of new fee site—Harris Springs Guard Station.

**SUMMARY:** The Shasta-Trinity National Forest will begin charging a \$35 fee for the overnight rental of the Harris Springs Guard Station. Rentals of other cabins and lookouts on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest have shown that visitors appreciate and enjoy the availability of historic rental facilities. Funds from the rental will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of the Harris Springs Guard Station.

**DATES:** The Harris Springs Guard Station will become available for rent August 7, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tracy, Assistant Forest Public Staff Officer, USDA Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directs the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The intent of this notice is to inform publics of a new fee site.

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest currently has three other cabin/lookout rentals. These rentals are popular and often fully booked throughout their rental season. A business analysis of the Harris Springs Guard Station has shown that people desire having this sort of recreation experience on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A market analysis indicates that the \$35/per night fee is both reasonable and acceptable for this sort of unique recreation experience.

People wanting to rent the Harris Springs Guard Station will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service, at <http://www.reserveusa.com> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 fee for reservations.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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#### Directive for Environmental Management Systems

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of agency final directive.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is issuing a final directive to Forest Service Manual 1330, Environmental Management Systems (EMS), to provide overall guidance to Forest Service line officers and employees on how to include EMS in carrying out national forest land management planning regulations at 36 CFR part 219, subpart A, published in the **Federal Register** on