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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

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Notice of Designation of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of designation of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

SUMMARY: On January 18, 1994 USDA published an interim rule that implemented that portion of subchapter C, part I (Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities and Rural Development Investment Areas) of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 dealing with the designation of Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. On January 18, 1994 USDA also published

a notice inviting applications for designation of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

This notice announces the jurisdictions that were designated Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities by USDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dayton Watkins, Acting Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service ("RBCDS"), U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th Street & Independence Avenue, S.W., Rm. 5045 South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, or telephone (202) 720-6165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 18, 1994 USDA published an interim rule that implemented that portion of subchapter C, part I (Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities and Rural Development Investment Areas) of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 ("Title XIII") which addresses the designation of Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (59 FR 2686 (1994)). This interim rule was made final on February 6, 1995 (60 FR 6945 (1995)).

Title XIII also provides for the designation of Urban Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. As noted in the January 18, 1994 interim

rule, the rural part of the program is administered by USDA as a Federal-State-local and private-sector partnership. The urban part of the program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), which also published an interim rule on January 18, 1994 (59 FR 2700 (1994)).

On January 18, 1994 USDA also published a notice inviting applications from States and local governments nominating rural areas for designation as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (59 FR 2696 (1994)). The January 18, 1994 notice provided for an application deadline of June 30, 1994. On December 21, 1994 President William J. Clinton announced the rural areas that were designated by USDA and the urban areas that were designated by HUD as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

Publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice announcing nominated areas that were designated either as Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities (Appendix A), fulfills the requirement, set forth in the January 18, 1994 interim rule (59 FR 2686 (1994)), that designations published.

Dated: April 27, 1995.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—USDA'S RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISES COMMUNITIES

Name	State	Counties
Empowerment Zones		
Kentucky Highlands EZ	KY	Clinton, Jackson, Wayne.
Mid-Delta EZ	MS	Bolivar, Sunflower, Leflore, Washington, Humphreys, Holmes.
Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone	TX	Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy.
Enterprise Communities		
Chambers County EC	AL	Chambers.
Greene & Sumter Counties Rural EC	AL	Greene, Sumter.
East Central Arkansas EC	AR	Cross, Lee, Monroe, St. Francis.
Mississippi County EC	AR	Mississippi.
Arizona Border Region EC	AZ	Cochise, Yuma, Santa Cruz.
Imperial County EC	CA	Imperial.
City of Watsonville/County of Santa Cruz EC	CA	Santa Cruz.
Jackson County, Florida EC	FL	Jackson.
Crisp/Dooly EC	GA	Crisp, Dooly.
Central Savannah River Area EC	GA	Burke, Hancock, Jefferson, McDuffie, Taliaferro, Warren.
Northeast Louisiana Delta EC	LA	Madison.
Macon Ridge EC	LA	Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Morehouse, Tensas.
Lake County EC	MI	Lake.
City of East Prairie, Mississippi County, MO EC	MO	Mississippi.
North Delta Mississippi EC	MS	Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie.
Halifax/Edgecombe/Wilson EC	NC	Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson.
Robeson County EC	NC	Robeson.

APPENDIX A.—USDA'S RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISES COMMUNITIES—Continued

Name	State	Counties
La Jicarita EC	NM	Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos.
Greater Portsmouth EC	OH	Scioto.
Southeast Oklahoma EC	OK	Choctaw, McCurtain.
Josephine County EC	OR	Josephine.
City of Lock Haven Federal EC	PA	Clinton.
Williamsburg-Lake City EC	SC	Williamsburg, Florence.
Beadle/Spink/South Dakota EC	SD	Beadle, Spink.
Fayette County/Haywood County Enterprise Community	TN	Haywood, Fayette.
Scott/McCreary Area Enterprise Community	TN	Scott (TN), McCreary (KY).
Accomack-Northampton, Virginia EC	VA	Northampton, Accomack.
Lower Yakima County Rural Enterprise Community	WA	Yakima.
Central Appalachia EC	WV	Roane, Braxton, Clay, Nicholas, Fayette.
McDowell County EC	WV	McDowell.

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Forest Service

Charlie Tyson Project; Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Maries Ranger District, Benewah County, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service is gathering information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This EIS is proposing management activities designed to move the Charlie Tyson project area toward its desired future condition, a healthy and diverse ecosystem. Desired future condition goals specific to the project area were developed by an interdisciplinary team for the purpose of maintaining ecosystem productivity and diversity while incorporating human values and needs. The goals for this project area are listed below:

1. The first goal is to provide vegetation patterns and natural variability that include important components within the range of historic levels. Using historic vegetation patterns as a reference point, the project will strive to maintain more mature timber (80+ years old) in larger patches than currently exist in the project area. To maintain historic natural variability for the project area, the project will strive to promote more canopy layers and more species components. This entails perpetuating seral tree species, subalpine fir/spruce, quaking aspen and open ridge tops with large ponderosa pine. This shift toward the historic range of vegetation patterns also entails maintaining riparian area with stable stream channels and fish habitats

supporting viable populations of desired fish species; thus the area would be fully supporting beneficial uses.

2. The second goal is to incorporate additional human values and needs by providing commercial wood products, a long range transportation plan where only essential roads for land management exist, a visually attractive landscape, a diverse array of recreational activities and maintaining existing grazing allotments. There are areas with past clearcut harvest units that detract from the visual attractiveness of the landscape; the harsh edges of these clearcuts could be softened by partial cutting. For recreation, emphasis for this area is on dispersed use and trail development; unauthorized trail use will be addressed and three historic Forest Service trails could be added to the trail system.

3. The third goal is to maintain wildlife habitats. Currently, the project area has a lack of quality security for wildlife. Activities proposed will include restricting trail and road access for various kinds of users.

It will take time to implement the desired future condition described above; proposed management activities would entail using techniques to shift the project area toward desired future condition. Management techniques would include prescribed fire, timber harvesting, road building, road use restrictions and closures, wildlife security area(s), watershed/fish habitat improvements and trail development. The Forest Service estimates that this proposed action would include: 415 acres of underburning, 2773 acres of timber harvesting (commercial thinning—1892 acres, group selection—46 acres, irregular shelterwood—381 acres, group shelterwood—403 acres, seedtree—20 acres, clearcutting—31 acres), 10.6 miles of new road construction, 1.7 road miles taken off the road system and a 6200 acre area closure to all motorized vehicles in the

Charlie-Preston drainages (providing 5000 acres of wildlife security). The proposed action also entails implementing fish/watershed improvement projects in the East Fork of Charlie, Preston and Brown Creeks and adding three historic Forest Service Trails back on the trail system for maintenance.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of this analysis must be received within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to District Ranger, St. Maries Ranger District, P.O. Box 407, St. Maries, ID 83861.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Tracy J. Gravelle, St. Maries Ranger District, Phone: 208-245-2531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charlie Tyson project area lies within Benewah County, Idaho and encompasses the Charlie Creek drainage. It is located approximately 1 air mile south of Emida, Idaho. The project area contains 18,100 acres of which approximately 14,400 acres are administered by the Forest Service. Management activities would be administered by the St. Maries Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. This EIS will tier to the Forest Plan (September 1987) which provides overall guidance for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests in terms of Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines, and Management Area direction.

Preliminary scoping, including public and other agency participation, was initiated in August 1991 and has recommenced this year. A public meeting for the area was held on September 4, 1991 in St. Maries, Idaho. An additional public open house was held in the town of Emida, Idaho on