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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Crupina Integrated Management Project, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Chalen County, WA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 2002, the USDA, Forest Service, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, published a Notice of Intent in **Federal Register** (67 FR 64082) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Crupina Vegetation Management. A revised Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2003 (68 FR 19184) changing the name of the project to "Crupina Integrated Management Project" and notifying the public that filing of the draft and final environmental impact statements had been delayed. The Notice of Intent is again being revised to change the Responsible Official for the EIS. The original Notice of Intent identified the Responsible Official as the Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service. On July 11, 2003, the Regional Forester delegated the responsibility for preparing the EIS to the Acting Forest Supervisor for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Archambeault, Crupina Project Team Leader, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Forest Service, (509) 997-9738 or Mallory Lenz, Wildlife Biologist, Chelan Ranger District (509) 682-2576.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Fork Eel Grazing Allotments EIS—Six Rivers National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice revises the original notice of intent (67FR68089) published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2002. The Six Rivers National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to: (1) Authorize grazing up to 10 years, under changed seasons of use and grazing practices, of about 500 Cow/Calf Pairs on the Hoaglin, Zenia, Long Ridge, and Van Horn cattle allotments encompassing about 116,000 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands; and (2) amend the Six Rivers National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP) to close the vacant Soldier Creek Allotment encompassing about 10,000 acres of NFS lands.

The analysis area is located predominantly within the North Fork Eel River Watershed and includes all or portions of the following townships: T2SR6E, T2SR7E, T3SR6E, T3SR7E, T3SR8E, T4SR6E, T4SR7E, T4SR8E, T5SR6E, T5SR7E, Humboldt. Meridian; T25NR12W, T26NR12W, Mount Diablo Meridian; Trinity County, California.

The proposal is designed to meet the following needs: (1) Continued livestock grazing in the currently active allotments; (2) achievement of soil compaction and bank stability standards as stated in the LRMP; (3) achievement of forage utilization standards in riparian areas and annual grasslands as stated in the LRMP; and (4) meeting the management goals for the Soldier Basin Recommended Research Natural Area (RRNA) as directed in the LRMP. The EIS will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500).

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed action must be received on or before 14 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The draft EIS is expected to be published in October 2003 and the final EIS is expected in February 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to S.E. "Lou" Wolterling, Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501-3834. Comments may be mailed electronically to rescatell@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruben Escatell or Clara Cross EIS Team Leaders, Mad River Ranger District, Star Route Box 300, Bridgeville, CA 95526. Phone (707) 574-6233. E-mail rescatell@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The Six Rivers National Forest has determined the following needs concerning the Van Horn, Long Ridge, Hoaglin, Zenia and Soldier Creek Allotments: (1) Continued livestock grazing under updated allotment Management Plans on the Van Horn, Long Ridge, Hoaglin, and Zenia allotments; (2) achievement of soil compaction and bank stability standards and guidelines as stated in the LRMP; (3) achievement of forage utilization standards in riparian areas and annual grasslands as stated in the LRMP; and (4) meeting the management goals, as directed in the LRMP, for the Soldier Basin Recommended Research Natural Area (RRNA) which is located in the Soldier Creek Allotment. In achieving the aforementioned needs the following purposes will be met: (1) fulfill a trust responsibility to the Round Valley Indian Tribes to manage grazing activities so as to not adversely impact tribal trust properties and rights down river of the allotments, namely water quality and anadromous fish; (2) minimize impacts to anadromous fisheries along the North Fork Eel River system; (3) redistribute cattle away from identified heritage sites; (4) maintain the permittees' ability to graze livestock efficiently and economically, and (5) maintain rangeland productivity on suitable rangelands while providing forage for livestock production consistent with demand and other resource values and uses.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service proposes to (1) authorize grazing up to 10 years, under changed seasons of use and grazing practices, of about 500 Cow/Calf Pairs on the Hoaglin, Zenia, Long Ridge and Van Horn Allotments encompassing about 116,00 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands; and (2) amend the Six Rivers National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) to close the currently vacant Soldier Creek allotment encompassing about 10,000 acres of NFS lands. The proposed action includes change to Allotment Management Plans that address grazing practices, construction of new range improvements, restoration and/or removal of existing range improvements, allotment boundary modifications, and monitoring provisions. Closure of the Soldier Creek allotment would constitute a Forest Plan amendment. A detailed description of the proposed action can be obtained by contacting Ruben Escatell at the address listed above.