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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Public Listing of Additional Commercial Inventory Added as a Result of a Challenge Under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–270) (''FAIR Act'')

AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

ACTION: Notice of additional commercial inventory added as a result of a challenge.

SUMMARY: The ''Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998'' (Pub. L. 105–270) (''FAIR Act'') requires that agencies making changes to their inventory as a result of a challenge must make the change available to the public via the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register**

The Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer hereby announces that additional commercial inventories are available to the public and are listed below: Departmental Administration (DA), Contact: George W. Aldaya, Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 720–3937

Function code	FTE	State	Reason code	FY first appeared on FAIR list
T804—Architect and Engineering	8	DC	A	1999
W826—System Design & Programming Services	2	DC	A	1999
W999—Other ADP Functions	2	DC	A	1999
W000A—ADP Management	1	DC	A	1999
Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Contact: Bob Soderstrom, Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 720–0231.				

Function code	FTE	State	Reason code	FY first appeared on FAIR list
A000C—ADP Support	16	DC	B	1999
	2	GA	B	1999
	2	IA	B	1999
	2	CO	B	1999
	1	LA	B	1999
	1	TX	B	1999
	1	OH	B	1999
	3	MO	B	1999

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Baylor Park Timber Blowdown Analysis, White River National Forest; Garfield County, CO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Baylor Park Area was affected by a windthrow event that blew down Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, and aspen trees on about 2,000–3,000 acres, on August 18th, 1999. The affected area is located on the Sopris and Rifle Range Districts of the White River National Forest. The area contains mature and overmature Engelmann spruce and with an endemic population of spruce beetle. The purpose of and need for this project is to treat the blowdown and damaged area to prevent and control insect infestations. The spruce beetle is the most serious pest of Engelmann spruce. It is restricted largely to mature and overmature spruce, and epidemics have occurred throughout history. One of the most damaging outbreaks was in Colorado from 1939 to 1951, when beetles killed nearly 6 billion board feet of standing spruce. Damaging attacks have been largely associated with extensive windthrow, where downed trees provided an ample food supply for a rapid buildup of beetle populations. The beetle progeny then emerge to attack living trees, but if downed material is

not available, then standing trees may be attacked. Large, overmature trees are attacked first, but if an infestation persists, beetles will attack and kill smaller trees after the large trees in the stand are killed.

Proposed Action is to remove and/or treat damaged or windthrown trees, by use of salvage sales and other treatment methods. Other treatment methods include but are not limited to: bark peeling, pile and burning and prescribed fire, to reduce the risk of insect infestation outbreaks. In addition, the proposal would salvage or treat Engelmann spruce trees affected by spruce beetles in the analysis area. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to determine to what extent, if any, that timber sale salvage operations or other methods of treatment, of Engelmann spruce, sub alpine fir and aspen are to occur.

DATE: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing on or before March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Richard L. Doak, Acting District Ranger, Sopris Ranger District, White River National Forest, PO Box 309, Carbondale, CO 81623. The Forest Supervisor Martha J. Ketelle, P.O. Box 948, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 is the Responsible Official for the Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice Spencer, Project Coordinator, White River National Forest, P.O. Box 948, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to the difficulty in performing cultural surveys, the close proximity of wetlands, and potential of a roadless area entry to treat the down and damaged timber, An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required as per Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 20.6. The intent of the EIS is to determine to what extent, if any, that timber sale salvage operations or other methods of treatment, of Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir and aspen are to occur. These trees were damaged during a wind event that occurred on August 18, 1999 in the Baylor Park area. The blowdown occurred over an area of approximately 2,000–3,000 acres on the Sopris and Rifle Ranger Districts of the White River National Forest. The proposed action will be consistent with programmatic management direction contained in the Rocky Mountain Regional Guide for Standards and Guidelines (1983) and in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the White River National Forest (LMP, 1984). The LMP allocated the proposed timber sale area to wood fiber production and utilization of sawtimber products, with a small portion of the sale area being allocated to be managed for rangeland improvement and livestock grazing. All of the allocations allow for timber harvest to occur.

Based on internal Forest Service scoping, the preliminary issues include the effects of the proposed action on: area wildlife and wildlife habitat, recreation use and visual quality, watershed quality, wetland management, cultural resources, risk of insect infestation outbreaks, wildfire risk, and the transportation system—including possible entry into a roadless area.

Preliminary alternatives include, but are not limited to:

1. No Action, existing management activities under the current Forest Plan will continue.

2. The proposed action is to remove and/or treat damaged or windthrown trees, by use of salvage sales and other treatment methods, such as bark peeling, pile and burning and prescribed fire, in order to reduce the risk of insect infestation outbreaks. In addition, the proposal would salvage or treat Englemann spruce trees affected by spruce beetles in the analysis area.

3. Live timber will be harvested above that which was damaged, to treat all of the stands within the affected blowndown and damaged area for both silvicultural and economic reasons.

Alternatives will be carefully examined for their potential impacts on the physical, biological, and social environments so that tradeoffs are apparent to the decision maker. The decisions to be made by the Forest Supervisor, based on the pending analysis to be documented in this EIS are: Should the blowdown and damaged trees in the Baylor Park area be treated to reduce possible spruce beetle infestation? And, if so: Should road construction be allowed for timber harvest in this area? How will cultural resources be best protected?

Permits and licenses required to implement the proposed action will, or may, include the following: Consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for compliance with Section 7 of the Threatened & Endangered Species Act; review from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers, and clearance from the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office. Public participation will be fully incorporated into preparation of the EIS. The first step is the scoping process, during which the Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, and other individuals or groups who may be interested or affected by the proposed action. Public comments received during initial scoping for this project will be incorporated into this EIS. The Forest Service predicts the draft environmental impact statement will be filed during the summer of 2000 and the final environmental impact statement and record of decision during the winter of 2000. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be forty-five days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact 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.)

Dated: February 2, 2000.

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Forest Supervisor.

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Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled

Procurement List Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon A. Wilson, Jr. (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 possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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. 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. 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.

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

Grounds Maintenance
Air National Guard Readiness Center
Andrews AFB, Maryland
NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial
U.S. Customs Service
Office of Investigation, East and West Wings
Building 50, JFK Airport
Jamaica, New York
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, Inc. Astoria, New York

Mailroom Operation
U.S. Department of State
Office of Foreign Buildings Operations
1701 North Fort Myer Drive
Arlington, Virginia
NPA: Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, CrystalGateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon A. Wilson, Jr. (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29 and December 17, and 27, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From PeopleWho Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 F.R. 66611, 70694 and 72312) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

The following comments pertain to Janitorial/Custodial, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC for the following locations: James Madison Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Building, John Adams Building and Little Scholars Child Care Facility.

Comments were received from counsel for two companies: the current contractor for this service, and a new company whose president was until recently the president of the current contractor.

Both companies noted the impact on them of adding this service to the Procurement List, and questioned the capability of the nonprofit agency originally designated to perform the service. The second company also questioned whether this addition to the Procurement List met certain statutory requirements, and the role of a consultant to that nonprofit agency. This service is currently being procured under a small business set-aside, and the contracting officer has stated for the record that, if the Committee does not add the service to the Procurement List, the service will continue to be reserved for small businesses. The current contractor is no longer a small business, so it is not eligible for contracts for the service. Consequently, addition of this service to the Procurement List would not be the cause of any impact the current contractor suffers by not being able to provide the service, regardless of the size of the impact or any dependency the contractor has developed over the five years it has provided the service. Although the current contractor anticipates that its declining sales will return it to the small business category by 2001, the Committee does not consider such speculation as demonstrating severe adverse impact resulting from addition of a service to the Procurement List.

Unlike the current contractor, the other commenting company is a small business. It has not, however, been a current contractor for this service. Losing the ability to compete for the service is not considered by the Committee to constitute severe adverse impact on a company which has not developed a dependence on having the contract for the service.

The current contractor noted that loss of this service would require it to discharge a substantial number of its employees, who would collect unemployment benefits from the company, increasing its indirect rates and making it more difficult for the