

DECISION MEMO

Forest Plan Amendment #6 Fremont National Forest Lake and Klamath Counties, Oregon

Background

The Fremont National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) Appendices 1 and 2 identify scheduled activities (projects) to be accomplished within a certain time period. Through the on-going monitoring of the Forest Plan implementation we discovered that many of these activities could not be accomplished within the Forest Plan time schedule. This was due to delays relating to appeals, litigation or lack of financing from the annual budget.

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify my intent to keep the public updated of proposed activities in a timely manner. An amendment of the Forest Plan is needed that would remove the accomplishment dates for the "Schedule of Activities". This would be replaced by the publishing of a "Schedule of Proposed Activities" four times a year. With this early informed notice of proposals, the public can become aware of Forest Service activities, indicate interest in specific proposals and become involved in the process.

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I will publish and make available to the public a "Schedule of Proposed Activities" four times a year. The dates in the Forest Plan "Schedules of Activities" (Appendices 1 & 2) will no longer be applicable.

Reasons for Categorically Excluding this Decision

This action falls under Category 1, Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 26.1 b, Administrative actions. This amendment will not significantly change the Forest-wide environmental impacts disclosed in the Fremont National Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further documentation in an EIS or environmental assessment.

Implementation Date

This decision will be implemented no sooner than 7 calendar days after the publishing of a legal notice of this *decision in the Herald and News* (published in Klamath Falls, Oregon).

Appeal Opportunity

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217. Two copies of any Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Reviewing Officer (John F. Butruille, Regional Forester, 333 SW First Street, Portland, OR 97204) *within 45 days of the date a legal notice of this decision appears in the Herald and News. Any Notice of Appeal must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9, "Content of a Notice of Appeal".*

Additional Information

Questions and information requests should be directed to either Sherm Radtke (Planning Staff) or Cleon Puetz (Planner) at the Fremont National Forest office, 524 North G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630.



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