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Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0075> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 7997039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Colin D. Stewart, Assistant Director, Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2327, email: Colin.Stewart@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Brazilian peppertree (*Schinus terebinthifolia*) is an evergreen perennial shrub or small tree found in various southern States but grows primarily in Florida. This noxious weed poses a serious threat to biodiversity in many ecosystems and invades areas such as canal banks, fallow farmlands, and natural communities. Brazilian peppertree's invasiveness can be attributed to its tolerance to fire, drought, and shade. Since the late 1800s, Brazilian peppertree has been introduced as an ornamental plant into many tropical and subtropical regions around the world. Brazilian peppertree was introduced in Florida and Hawaii as an attractive ornamental and source for honeybee nectar. The dried fruits of Brazilian peppertree have been used as a spice for cooking and are sold in the United States and elsewhere. In the United States, Brazilian peppertree occurs in Florida, Texas, California, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The insects *Calophya latiforceps*, "jumping plant-lice," and *Pseudophilothrips ichini* were chosen as potential biological control agents. Both agents are expected to reduce the severity of infestations of Brazilian peppertree, and both are known to be highly host specific due to their intimate relationships with their host plants.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS') review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed release are documented in detail in an environmental assessment (EA) entitled "Field Release of the Insects *Calophya latiforceps* (Hemiptera: Calophyidae) and *Pseudophilothrips ichini* (Thysanoptera: Phlaeothripidae) for Classical Biological Control of Brazilian Peppertree in the Contiguous United States" (January 2018). We are making the EA available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

The EA may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may also request paper copies of the EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of February 2019.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Roanoke, VA. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve

collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following website: www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 15, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Robbins, RAC Coordinator by phone at (540) 265-5173 or via email at rebecca.robbs@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to prioritize and recommend projects for Title II funds. The committee will also use the meeting to nominate and vote on a Chairperson. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by March 6, 2019 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Rebecca Robbins, RAC Coordinator, George Washington and Jefferson NF Supervisor's Office, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; or by email to rebecca.robbs@usda.gov.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: February 8, 2019.

Joby P. Timm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Klamath National Forest; California; Elk Creek Watershed Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Klamath National Forest is withdrawing the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Elk Creek Watershed Project. The original NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2017.

The project is being canceled and will be combined with a new project for which an Environmental Assessment will be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this notice and requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to Benjamin Daly, Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, via mail at 63822 State Highway 96, P.O. Box 377, Happy Camp, CA 96039; via telephone at (530) 493-1734; or via email at bdaly@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who have previously submitted comments on this project will remain on the project mailing list and do not need to contact the Forest.

Dated: February 19, 2019.

Allen Rowley,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta-Trinity National Forest; California; Lower McCloud Fuels Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is withdrawing the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower McCloud Fuels Management Project. The original NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2016. No significant issues were identified during this scoping period or any other opportunity to comment. Upon further evaluation, it also appears that there are no potential significant impacts to the human environment associated with the project. As a result, the Forest is withdrawing its intent to prepare an EIS and is now preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA). All comments previously received regarding this project will be retained and considered in the development of the EA. If it is determined that the project may have significant impacts, the EIS process will be reinitiated and a NOI will be published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning withdrawal of the NOI should be addressed to Emelia Barnum at the following address: Shasta McCloud Management Unit, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 204 W Alma St., Mt. Shasta, CA 96067; via phone at 530-926-9600; or via email at ebarnumfs.fed.us. Individuals and organizations that previously submitted comments on this project will remain on the project mailing list and do not need to contact the Forest.

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Dated: February 13, 2019.

Allen Rowley,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ipnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

DATES: The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Friday, March 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.,
- Friday, March 29, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., and
- Friday, April 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For updated status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Blundell, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 208-783-2101 or by email at phillipblundell@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings are to:

1. Elect a RAC chair and decide upon operating procedures;
2. Review the RAC charter;