Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest as part of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks’ proposal to reintroduce bighorn sheep into the Greenhorn Mountain Range. The 2002 MOU was replaced by the 2008 MOU.

DATES: Under 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4), there is no formal scoping period for this proposed action. The Draft SEIS is expected to be published in October, 2016, which will then begin, in accordance with 36 CFR 219.16(a)(2), a 90-day public comment period on the Draft SEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Bowey, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725 (406) 683–3900.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Give recap following meeting with Undersecretary Robert Bonnie,
2. Plan agenda/logistics for November in-person meeting, and
3. Deliver educational presentation.

The teleconference is open to the public. However, the public is strongly encouraged to RSVP prior to the teleconference to ensure all related documents are shared with public meeting participants. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should submit a request in writing 10 days before the planned meeting 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 time requests for oral comments must be sent to Scott Stewart, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20250; or by email to sstewart@fs.fed.us. A summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site listed above within 21 days after the meeting.

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, please contact the person listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: July 29, 2016.

James E. Hubbard,
Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service


AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of objection filing period.

SUMMARY: James Peña, the Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the establishment of two Research Natural Areas (RNA) as part of the Lower Joseph Creek Restoration Project. The draft ROD authorizes establishment of both the Horse Pasture Ridge and Haystack Rock RNAs.

The FEIS and draft ROD are available on the forest’s Web site at http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43379. A hardcopy of the document(s) and/or further information is available by contacting the person listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below. The draft ROD is subject to objection under 36 CFR part 219, subpart B. A written notice of objection, including any attachments, must be submitted (regular mail, express delivery, messenger service, fax, email, or hand delivery) within 60 days of the publication date of the notice in the newspaper of record, the Oregonian. The newspaper notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.56(b)(3)). An electronic scan of this notice was posted on the Web site noted above. Those wishing to object to the draft ROD should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Any objection must be submitted to Glen Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, who is the Objection Reviewing Officer, at one of the addresses listed in the ADDRESSES section below.

The objection process provides an opportunity for members of the public who have participated in the planning process for the forest plan amendment to have any unresolved concerns reviewed by the Forest Service prior to a final decision by the Responsible
Official. Under 36 CFR 219.53(a), objections will be accepted only from those individuals or organizations who have previously submitted substantive formal comments related to this amendment of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Plan during previous opportunities for public comment provided. Objections must be based on previously submitted substantive comments attributed to the objector, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for public comment (36 CFR 219.53(a)). In addition, objections must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 219.54(c), which can be found in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

All objections are open to public inspection and will be posted to the Forest Service Web site (http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43379). A notice of objections received will be published in the newspaper of record, the Oregonian, within 10 days after the close of the objection filing period.

DATES: The objection filing period began upon publication of the notice in the newspaper of record (publication occurred on July 15, 2016 in the Oregonian) and ends 60 days thereafter.

ADDRESSES: Objections must be submitted one of the addresses below:

2. Express, Messenger, or Hand Delivery: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer, 210 14th St. SW., EMC–LEAP, Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250. The main phone line for carrier deliveries is 202–719–8488.
3. Electronically Filed: Email; objections-chief@fs.fed.us; Please put Objection and Lower Joseph Creek Restoration Project, establishment of Haystack Rock and Horse Pasture Ridge Research Natural Areas in the subject line. Fax: (202) 649–1172

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darcy Weseman, Plan Amendment Project Manager, 72510 Coyote Rd. Pendleton, OR 97801, (541) 278–3755, or deweseman@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgment from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgment of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender’s responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

Any objection must include the following (30 CFR 219.54(c)):

1. The objector’s name and address, telephone number or email address if available. Include the identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection.
2. Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature is allowed for electronic mail);
3. The title of the plan amendment, and the name and title of the Responsible Official;
4. A description of the issues and/or parts of the plan amendment to which the objection applies;
5. A brief statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the draft plan amendment decision may be improved. If the objector believes the plan amendment is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, the reasons should be included;
6. A statement that shows the link between the objector’s prior substantive formal comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment.

Attach documents referenced in the objection except as noted at 36 CFR 219.54(b). The objector is responsible for ensuring the timely filing of written objections. Timeliness will be determined as indicated in 36 CFR 219.56(c).

The Reviewing Officer will provide written acknowledgement of receipt of the objection, if requested by the objector.

DATED: July 20, 2016.

James Peña, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

White Pine-Nye Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The White Pine-Nye Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Eureka, Nevada. 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 Web site: https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.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 meeting will be held at the Eureka County Annex, Conference Room, 701 South Main, Eureka, Nevada. 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 Tonopah Ranger District office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Bernardi, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 775–482–6286 or via email at lebernardi@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations with regards to proposed projects. 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 August 15, 2016, 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 Linda Bernardi, RAC Coordinator, Tonopah Ranger District, P.O. Box 3940, Tonopah, Nevada 89049; by email to lebernardi@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 775–482–3053.