DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Directive Publication Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service provides direction to employees through issuances in its Directive System, comprised of the Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbooks. The Agency must provide notice of and opportunity for the public to comment on any directives that formulate standards, criteria, or guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Once per quarter, the Agency provides advance notice of proposed and interim directives that will be made available for public comment during the next 3 months and notice of recently issued final directives.

DATES: This notice identifies proposed and interim directives that will be published for public comment between [insert date that is 15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register] and [insert date 120 days from date of publication in the Federal Register] and final directives that were issued since October 1, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments may be provided by email to SM.FS.woDirectives@usda.gov or in writing to 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250, Attn: Directives and Regulations staff, Mail 1132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Goode at 202-740-6286 or ann.goode@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing-impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday. You may sign up to receive email alerts at https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1612(a) and 36 CFR part 216, “Public Notice and Comment for Standards, Criteria and Guidance Applicable to Forest Service Programs,” the Forest Service publishes for public notice and comment Agency directives that formulate standards, criteria, or guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Agency procedures for providing public notice and opportunity to comment are specified in Forest Service Handbook 1109.12, Chapter 30, Providing Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on Directives.

The following proposed directives are planned for publication for public comment during the next 3 months:

3. Region 10 Supplement to Forest Service Manual 2720, Special Uses; Management of Point-To-Point Transport Under Special Use Authorization to National Forest System Lands within the Visitor Center Subunit of Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area.

The primary method of public outreach for each of these proposed directives is publication on the Forest Service website (https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies), publication in the Federal Register, use of the GovDelivery email service, and other Agency communications resources, which may include a press release, blog post, or social media resources.

The following proposed or interim directives have been published for public comment but not yet finalized:

1. Proposed Forest Service Manual 2200, Rangeland Management, Chapters Zero Code; 2210, Rangeland Management Planning; 2220, Management of Rangelands (Reserved); 2230, Grazing Permit System; 2240, Rangeland Improvements; 2250, Rangeland Management Cooperation; and 2270, Information Management and
Reports; Forest Service Handbook 2209.13, Grazing Permit Administration Handbook, Chapters 10, Term Grazing Permits; 20, Grazing Agreements; 30, Temporary Grazing and Livestock Use Permits; 40, Livestock Use Permits; 50, Tribal Treaty Authorizations and Special Use Permits; 60, Records; 70, Compensation for Permittee Interests in Rangeland Improvements; 80, Grazing Fees; and 90, Rangeland Management Decision Making; and Forest Service Handbook 2209.16, Allotment Management Handbook, Chapter 10, Allotment Management and Administration.


7. Forest Service Manual 2400, Timber Management, Chapters Zero, 2430, Commercial Timber Sales; 2440, Designating, Cruising, Scaling, and Accountability; 2450, Timber Sale Contract Administration; and 2460, Uses of Timber Other Than Commercial Timber Sales; Forest Service Handbook 2409.15, Timber Sale Administration, Chapters Zero, 10, Fundamentals of Timber Sale Contracting; 30, Change in Status of Contracts; 50, Specified Transportation Facilities; and 70, Contract Claims and Disputes; Forest Service Handbook 2409.18a, Timber Sale
Debarment and Suspension Procedures, Chapters Zero, 10, Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension; and 20, Debarment and Export Violations.


The following final directives were issued in the Directive System since October 1, 2020:


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