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BLM - Drought 2013 Not Looking Good

Permittees and leasees in the Worland Field Office have been sent a "heads-up" type of letter (February 14, 2013) apprising them that the drought outlook for 2013 is projected to "persist or intensify" and the current drought condition is considered to be "extreme" according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor update. The Drought Monitor can be found at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/monitor.html>. We encourage you to take a look at this website.

The letter acknowledges that there was a great cooperative response last grazing season between the livestock producers and agency range staff in dealing with effects of the 2012 drought.

The letter encourages livestock producers to plan now for the prospect that a delayed turnout date, an early off date, a reduction in animal numbers or non-use may be necessary to adequately protect and manage the public rangelands.

The Guardians encourage producers to: (1) be proactive in visiting with their range cons early, and on a continuing basis; (2) begin early to look for private land to lease; (3) plan for sources and costs of additional feed if livestock must be summered on home place.

We suggest and encourage livestock producers in the BLM Cody and Buffalo Field Offices to also carefully consider their situations and proactive options. ★

USFS Implementation of New Planning Rule Needed: Street Smart Comments

The Forest Service has just released proposed planning directives for public review and comment. These directives are the key set of agency guidance documents that direct implementation of the 2012 Planning Rule.

In developing the 2012 Planning Rule, the Agency received extensive input from the public, including more than 300,000 comments. Now that the proposed directives have been drafted, feedback from the public is sought and encouraged to help the Agency develop final directives. The Agency's intent is to ensure an adaptive land management planning process that is inclusive, efficient, collaborative and science-based to promote healthy, resilient, diverse and productive National Forests and Grasslands.

The proposed directives will support consistent approaches to achieving the broad goals of the 2012 Planning Rule. A copy of the proposal can be obtained at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule/directives>, at any regional Forest Service office or by calling (202) 205-1449. The comment period closes 60 days after publication of a notice of availability in the Federal Register, estimated to be on or about February 20.

The Guardians strongly encourage the public to comment. Don't make the mistake of thinking that the forest nearest you is not going to be affected just because your forest plan was or is under an older Planning Rule. The 'street smart' reality is otherwise.....just a little harder to see and a little slower in surfacing---and by then it will be too late to comment and make a difference.

Guardian members are welcome to contact Executive Director, Kathleen Jachowski for help in how and on what to comment. We'll make it quick, easy and worth reading at the end gate in Washington, D.C. E-mail: guardians@hughes.net. Please put 'Planning Rule Comments' in the subject line and include your membership name and phone number. ★

Clouds of Climate Change: makes the spotted owl, sage-grouse, grizzly bear and wolves pale in comparison

Please read this recent notice published in the Federal Register...the book by which we live and die on federal lands. The use of climate change is all over the new US Forest Service Planning Rule, and it is all over everything BLM. The strategy of advocates of little to no use of federal lands is to superimpose a climate change regulatory framework over all landscapes and uses thereon. This will empower extremists within and outside federal agencies to shut down activities while impacts to climate change are considered, imagined and touted; additionally resource utilization will be stopped while folks try and develop ways to prevent or mitigate impacts...all the things anticipated, real or imagined.

We encourage you to go to the website shown below and provide comments----deadline is short: April 9!

Members are welcome to contact Kathleen for comment suggestions. Phone: 307-587-3723 or E-mail: guardians@hughes.net. Please indicate: 'Climate Change Comments' in subject line; and include your name and telephone number in the e-mail.

Federal Register Volume 78, Number 27 (Friday, February 8, 2013) [Notices] [Pages 9387-9388] Notice of Availability for Public Review and Comment: Draft EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Scientific evidence demonstrates that the climate is changing at an increasingly rapid rate, outside the range to which society has adapted in the past. Climate change can pose significant challenges to the EPA's ability to fulfill its mission. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is committed to identifying and responding to the challenges that a changing climate poses to human health and the environment. It is essential; therefore, that the EPA adapt to climate change in order to continue fulfilling its statutory, regulatory and programmatic requirements, chief among these protection of human health and the environment. Adaptation will involve anticipating and planning for changes in climate and incorporating considerations of climate change into many of the Agency's programs, policies, rules and operations to ensure they are effective under changing climatic conditions. Adaptation also necessitates close coordination between EPA and its many partners and stakeholders.

The EPA and other Federal Agencies and Departments have developed draft Agency Climate Change Adaptation Plans in response to the President's October 2009 Executive Order (E.O. 13514--"Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance") and the March, 2011 Implementing Instructions to all Federal Department and Agencies. Recently, the EPA announced the availability of a public review draft of its Agency Plan. The draft Plan will be available for a 60-day public review.

DATES: The public should respond to the EPA with comment via the public docket no later than April 9, 2013. Only comments received by the deadline can be considered by the Agency in finalizing its plan.

ADDRESSES: If you have questions about responding to this notice, please contact Catherine Allen by phone (202-566-1039), or by mail (1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460).

The public review draft of EPA's Climate Change Adaptation Plan has been posted to a public docket and is available on the Agency docket website at this URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/index.htm>. It is Docket Number EPA-HQ-OA-2012-0247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is working to fulfill its mission to protect human health and the environment. Many of the goals EPA is working to attain (e.g., clean air, safe drinking water) are sensitive to changes in weather and climate. Until now, EPA has been able to assume that climate is relatively stable and future climate would mirror past climate. However, with climate changing at an increasingly rapid rate and outside the range to which society has adapted in the past, climate change is posing new challenges to EPA's ability to fulfill its mission.

This Plan will help guide the Agency to prepare for future changes in climate and to incorporate considerations of climate change into its mission-driven activities. Climate adaptation planning will help EPA continue to fulfill its mission of protecting human health and the environment even as the climate changes.

EPA considers public input to be essential for the development of this Plan. This input will also help the Agency strengthen its partnerships with states, tribes, local communities, and non-governmental organizations--many of which have already begun to develop and implement adaptation measures.

Please comment by April 9, by going to <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/index.htm>, Docket Number EPA-HQ-OA-2012-0247.



"I appeal to you again to constantly bear in mind that with you - and not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office-seekers - but with you, is the question, "Shall the Union, and shall the liberties of this country, be preserved to the latest generation?" ~ February 11, 1861 Abraham Lincoln in a speech to Governor Morton in Indianapolis

A Jewell Who's Rough on Jobs

As CEO of retailer REI, the (nominated) secretary of the interior (is) on the radical extreme, using investor dollars to wage open green activism

By Kimberley A. Strassel
The Wall Street Journal
February 7, 2013

In (nominating) Sally Jewell as Interior secretary, President Obama lauded the REI boss as a woman who "knows the link between conservation and good jobs." Tell that to Kevin Lunny. Mr. Lunny runs an 80-year-old California oyster business that had the bad luck decades ago of being enclosed in a federal park.

As Ms. Jewell polished her acceptance speech, a federal judge ordered the business evicted. Among the organizations working hardest to destroy the livelihood of Mr. Lunny and his 30 workers was the National Parks Conservation Association. Ms. Jewell is vice-chairman of its board.

The press is just wild about Sally, feting the president's nominee as everything to everybody. She's never held office. She's the CEO of a successful outdoor retailer. She's a woman. She started as an oil company engineer. She is a "committed conservationist." What's not to love?

Far from a creative choice, Ms. Jewell is just the newest addition to Mr. Obama's second-term team of loyal ideologues. It is in fact Ms. Jewell's (relatively unknown) history on the environmental fringe, and her liberal policy prescriptions, that surely made this an easy Obama call. The president knows he can rely on Ms. Jewell to do for the federal government exactly what she's done at an activist level: Lock up land, target industries, kill traditional jobs.

There are companies that strive to be environmentally responsible. And then there is a different category of firms altogether—those on the radical extreme, which use investor dollars to wage open green activism. REI is among these. Ms. Jewell, who joined the REI board in 1996 and rose to CEO in 2005, has been central to campaigns that have squelched thousands of jobs in the name of environmental purity.

REI, for instance, actively supported the Clinton-era Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which in 2001 locked up a third of all national forests, dealing another blow to logging and mining. When former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire in 2006 announced she'd fight the Bush administration's effort to inject some flexibility into the rule, she held her press conference at REI's headquarters, flanked by Ms. Jewell.

"We develop them, we log them, we mine them—we lose those assets forever," complained Ms. Jewell at the event. REI's well-heeled clientele ultimately got 58 million acres of "pristine" walking trails; Western loggers got to tell their kids they no longer had a job.

REI's bigger influence, however, has come from funneling money to radical groups via the Conservation Alliance, a foundation it created with Patagonia, The North Face and Keltly in 1989. Ms. Jewell was lauded by the group in 2010 for committing REI to giving more than \$100,000 a year to this outfit.

The Conservation Alliance maintains a list of the "successes" it has notched via the dollars it sends to militant environmental groups like Earthjustice. In the past few years alone that list has included "77 oil and gas leases halted" in Utah, 55,000 acres put off limits to oil and gas jobs in Colorado, the destructions of functioning dams, and the removal of millions of new acres from any business pursuit.

The Alliance is particularly proud of its role in getting the Obama team in 2012 to lock up half of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve—set aside 90 years ago specifically for oil and gas. Rex Rock, the president of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, which represents the economic interests of the Inupiat Eskimos, wrote that the decision will "cripple the lone economic driver for our communities," and make the Inupiat "exhibits in an outdoor museum."

Jewell is continued in the next issue of the Guardians newsletter.

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