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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1949 Act requires that a limited global import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately whenever the average price of the base quality of upland cotton in the designated spot markets for a month exceeds 130 percent of the average price of such quality of cotton in such markets for the preceding 36 months. The limited global import quota means a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The December 1994 spot market average for base quality cotton was 81.92 cents per pound, which is 136 percent of the 60.06 cents-per-pound average of the previous 36-month period from December 1991 through November 1994.

The 1949 Act requires that if a quota has been established under the authority of section 103(B)(n) during the preceding 12 months, the quantity of the quota shall be the smaller of 21 days of domestic mill consumption at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available (21-day supply) or the quantity required to increase supply to 130 percent of demand. Since the 21-day supply is smaller than the amount needed to increase supply to 130 percent of demand, the quota is equal to 21 days of domestic mill consumption of upland cotton at the seasonally-adjusted average rate for the period September through November 1994. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1444-2 (n) and U.S. Note 6(b), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 10, 1995.

**Richard E. Rominger,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## Forest Service

### Notice of the Preparation of the Southern Appalachian Assessment, and the Beginning of the Forest Plan Revision Efforts for the National Forests in Alabama, Chattahoochee-Oconee, Cherokee, and Sumter National Forests

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice is to announce the U.S. Forest Service's participation in the preparation of the Southern Appalachian Assessment (SAA). This Assessment is being prepared by the U.S. Forest Service (the Southern Region of the National Forest System and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station) in cooperation with the other Federal agencies that are members of SAMAB (Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative). It will include national forest lands of the George Washington, Jefferson, Nantahala-Pisgah, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee National Forests; and parts of the Sumter and Talladega National Forests. Also involved will be National Park Service lands in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Shenandoah National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This Notice also announces the beginning of the efforts to revise the Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee, the Cherokee, and the Sumter National Forests. This is not the "Notice of Intent" (NOI) for the Environmental Impact Statements that will accompany the Revised Forest Plans. Those NOIs will be issued at a later date.

The Southern Appalachian Assessment will support and facilitate ecosystem management decisions to be made in Forest Plan revisions. As the National Forests in the Southern Appalachians are conducting their local efforts to describe their "Analysis of the Management Situation" (AMS), they will also be providing information for the larger scale Southern Appalachian Assessment.

The Assessment will be used to help determine each National Forests' "Need for Change" section of their AMS. This information will then be used to publish the Notices of Intent to prepare the Environmental Impact Statements, which will begin the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) processes associated with each Forest Plan revision.

Public involvement is critical throughout these processes and it will be requested and accepted continually throughout these efforts. Formal public involvement with the Forest Plan revision efforts will also be conducted through "Scoping", following the issuance of the National Forests NOIs.

**DATES:** The Southern Appalachian Assessment is scheduled to be completed by January 1996.

The National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, the Cherokee National Forest, and the

Sumter National Forest are scheduled to complete the drafts of their Analysis of the Management Situation between October 1995 and January 1996. During this same time period, these Forests are scheduled to issue their Notices of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI) for their Revised Land and Resource Management Plans. A Revised NOI for the Jefferson National Forest will also be issued during this time period.

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