

45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**. It is important that those interested in this proposal on the Mt. Hood National Forest participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available by September 1, 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS.

The Reviewers Obligation to Comment

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this Proposed Action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the Proposed Action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

Gary L. Larsen,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on May 20, 2002, in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following topics: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Peg Boland's approval of recommended 2001 Proposals. Letters to successful proponents for 2001 projects. Schedule workshop with successful applicants to discuss administrative processes. Have 2001 applicants come in for presentations to encourage discussion about their proposals and their priorities. Funding projects for 2002—Choose from existing 52 proposals? Review of Rating Criteria for next fall 2003 proposal solicitations. Overhead and RAC Costs Discussion. Merchantable material in legislation directs 15% proposal to these products the first year. NEPA/CEQA compliance before funding.

DATES: The meetings will be held May 20, 2002 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Perry, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097, (530) 841-4468; e-mail hperry@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet Thursday,

May 16, 2002, and Monday, June 10, 2002. Both meetings will be held at the Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center, Allmendinger Center, 7612 E. Pioneer Way, Puyallup, WA 98371-4998.

Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 3 p.m. Agenda items to be covered at the May 16 meeting include: (1) Resource Advisory Committee Bylaws; (2) Title II project ranking criteria; and (3) Title II project evaluation. The June 10 meeting will focus primarily on Title II project evaluation.

All South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises King and Pierce Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Penny Sundblad, Management Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284 (360-856-5700, Extension 321).

Dated: April 26, 2002.

Lorette Ray,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Boise, ID; USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, May 15, 2002 in Boise, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on May 15, begins at 10 a.m., at the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, a guest speaker and an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Swick, McCall District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-0400.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Randall Swick,

Designated Federal Officer, Payette National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Allen, Deputy Director, Multi-Family Housing Processing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, Room 1263, Stop 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, telephone, (202) 690-4499.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

OMB Number: 0575-0174.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: On March 28, 1996, President Clinton signed the "Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996." One of the provisions of the Act was the authorization of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loan Program, adding the program to the Housing Act of 1949. The program has

been designed to increase the supply of affordable multifamily housing through partnerships between RHS and major lending sources, as well as State and local housing finance agencies and bond issuers. Qualified lenders will be authorized to originate, underwrite, and close loans for multifamily housing projects requiring new construction or acquisition with rehabilitation of at least \$15,000 per unit will be considered.

The housing must be available for occupancy only by low or moderate income families or persons, whose incomes at the time of initial occupancy do not exceed 115 percent of the median income of the area. After initial occupancy, a tenant's income may exceed these limits; however, rents, including utilities, are restricted to no more than 30 percent of the 115 percent of area Median Income for the term of the loan.

The Secretary is authorized under Section 510 (k) to prescribe regulations to ensure that these federally funded loans are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes. The lender must evaluate the eligibility, cost, benefits, feasibility, and financial performance of the proposed project. The information submitted by the lender to the Agency is used by the Agency to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Government resources. This information is required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .53 man hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit and for-profit lending corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses: 3005.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,581 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 19, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, May 14, 2002, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of eight members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a discussion on universities and R&D technology issues, a presentation on the In-Q-Tel, a venture capital organization (tentative), an update on the ATP competition, and a presentation on a study on the ATP Computer Based Software Focus