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Rick Brazell,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approve Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Project Proposals/Action, (5) General Discussion, (6) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 13, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals who wish to speak or propose agenda items send their names and proposals to Eduardo Olmedo, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-1815; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee will file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions are provided and individuals who made written requests by August 10, 2007 have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: July 25, 2007.

Eduardo Olmedo,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting; Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, August 30, 2007 to recommend Title II projects for fiscal year 2008 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000. The meeting will be held at the Chetco Community Public Library, Large Community Meeting Room at 405 Alder Street, Brookings, Oregon. It begins at 10 a.m., ends at 2:30 p.m.; the open public comments begin at 11 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and delivered to Designated Federal Official, Scott Conroy at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, P.O. Box 520, Medford, Oregon 97501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Public Affairs Officer Patty Burel at telephone: (541) 858-2211, e-mail: pburel@fs.fed.us, or USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 520, 333 West 8th Street, Medford, OR, 97501.

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Cassius M. Cash,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

[FSM 2350]

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for Proposed Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) Directives.

SUMMARY: The Northern, Rocky Mountain, Southwestern, and Intermountain Regions of the USDA Forest Service are extending the public comment period through October 12, 2007, for the proposed directives for the planning, development, and management of the CDNST. The notice of proposed directives was first published in **Federal Register** Notice

Vol. 72, No. 112, on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. After considering comments, the USDA Forest Service proposes to issue a supplemental directive for each Region. The directives would also amend the CDNST Comprehensive Plan of 1985.

Policy direction is needed to clarify the nature and purposes of the CDNST and to align the CDNST planning with USDA Forest Service land management planning processes. The directives would have no effect on the ground until site-specific planning decisions are completed, with additional opportunity for public involvement. Additional information regarding this proposed directive can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/cdt>.

DATES: Comments are requested and must be submitted on or before October 12, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Warren, CDNST Administrator, (303) 275-5054.

Written comments concerning this proposal are to be sent to US Forest Service, Attn: CDNST, 740 Simms St, Golden, CO 80401-4720; or via e-mail cdnst@fs.fed.us.

All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received in the office of the Director of Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401, on business days between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead at (303) 275-5200 to facilitate entry into the building.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The USDA Forest Service provides internal direction to field units through its Directives System, consisting of the USDA Forest Service Manuals (FSM) and USDA Forest Service Handbooks (FSH). Directives provide guidance to field units in implementing programs established by statute and regulation. USDA Forest Service directives establish agency policies for delegations of authority, consistent definitions of terms, clear and consistent interpretation of regulatory language, and standard processes.

The USDA Forest Service is requesting comment on policy that promotes the nature and purposes of the CDNST as depicted in the CDNST Study Report and Final Environment Statement. In addition, the directives

recommend land management planning integration and management direction for the CDNST, and amends the CDNST Comprehensive Plan of 1985.

The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail is administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior. The Regional Forester of the Rocky Mountain Region is the lead Forest Service official coordinating matters concerning the study, planning, and operation of the CDT.

The issuance of timely direction for the planning and management of the CDNST is important due to the extensive nature of ongoing land management planning and project planning assessments along the trail corridor throughout these four Regions of the USDA Forest Service. These assessments need to provide for the integrated management of the CDNST designated area. Additional information regarding this proposed directive can be found on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/cdt>.

Because the agency plans to propose additional revisions to USDA Forest Service Manual 2300, chapter 50, proposed directives are issued for comments at this time. The current Forest Service Manual can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives/fsm/2300/2350.doc>.

The proposed directives for the four Regions are as follows:

Digest

2353.42(4)(5)—Adds policy direction for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

2353.43(1–11) Planning and Development of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)—Adds planning and development direction for the CDNST.

2353.44(1–8) Management of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)—Adds management direction for the CDNST.

2353.4—Administration of National Scenic and National Historic Trails

2353.42—Policy

4. The nature and purposes of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail are to provide for high quality, scenic, primitive hiking and horseback-riding, non-motorized recreational experiences and to conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources along the Continental Divide.

5. The policy, development, and management direction in this directive amends and supersedes the purpose depiction, management policy, and direction contained in the “Continental

Divide National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan” of 1985.

2353.43—National Scenic and Historic Trail System Development

Planning and Development of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)

1. Land Management Planning (FSM 1921) is to provide for the nature and purposes of the CDNST congressionally designated area, and address the Comprehensive Plan programmatic requirements of the National Trails System Act, as amended (Title 16, United States Code, section 1244(f) (16 U.S.C. 1244(f)):

a. Identify CDNST desired conditions,
b. Establish CDNST objectives,
c. Establish CDNST management guidelines,

d. Establish monitoring programs to evaluate the condition of the CDNST in the land management planning area, and

e. Where the CDNST travel route is outside the congressionally established wilderness delineate a special area or management area for the trail corridor.

2. For each land management plan area that encompasses the CDNST, a management plan should be completed to address the site-specific requirements of the National Trails System Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1244(f)):

a. Identify and display the located CDNST travel route,

b. Identify the significant natural, historical, and cultural resources to be preserved along the CDNST corridor,

c. Identify the carrying capacity for the trail that reflects the nature and purposes of the CDNST,

d. Provide for CDNST development, signing, and maintenance programs,

e. Establish monitoring programs to evaluate the condition of each CDNST segment as related to the nature and purposes of the CDNST, and

f. Where applicable, protect high potential segments until such time that the CDNST is located and delineated as a special area or management area (FMS 2353.43, Planning and Development of the CDNST (1)(e)).

3. The Scenery Management System (FSM 2382) should be followed when developing land management plans. The foreground zone from the CDNST travel route should be a primary consideration in delineating a CDNST special area or management area.

4. Use the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) system to delineate, define and integrate CDNST recreational opportunities in land management planning (FSM 2311.1). The CDNST should be located in Primitive and

Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized ROS settings where available in the land management planning area, while recognizing that the CDNST will intermittently traverse through more developed areas, and across designated motor vehicle use routes (Subpart B—Designation of Roads, Trails, and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use, part 212 Travel Management, of Title 36 Code of the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR part 212 subpart B)), in order to provide for a continuous travel route between Canada and Mexico along the Continental Divide.

5. A new segment of the CDNST travel route should only be constructed if current National Forest System trails cannot be managed, maintained, and reconstructed to provide for the nature and purposes of the CDNST.

6. A CDNST trail segment (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)) is not to be designated for motor vehicle use (36 CFR part 212 subpart B) by the general public, unless such use is consistent with FSM 2353.44, Management of the CDNST (5).

7. A CDNST segment may only be located on a road (16 U.S.C. 1244(5)) where the following conditions are met:

a. The road is primitive in nature and offers a recreation experiences not materially different in quality than that extended by a bona fide hiking and equestrian trail,

b. An affirmative determination has been made that motor vehicle use would not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the CDNST, and

c. Motor vehicle use does not constitute a safety hazard to hikers-pedestrians and equestrians.

8. Locating the CDNST in wilderness on a National Forest System trail, and marking the travel route at trail junctions with the CDNST marker brand, is consistent with the Wilderness Act (Title 16, United States Code, sections 1131(a) and 1133(b)).

9. The CDNST should be located on a permanent easement where the trail crosses private land (FSM 5460.3).

10. The CDNST should be designed following the Pack-and-Saddle Trail Class 2 or 3 design parameters when constructed or reconstructed (FSH 2309.18). However, a CDNST segment may be designed following the Hiker-Pedestrian Trail Class 1, 2, or 3 design parameters where there exists a substantial safety or resource concern, or the overall management direction for the land management plan area only provides for Hiker-Pedestrian use.

2353.44—Management of National Scenic and National Historic Trails

Management of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST)

1. Scenery should be managed following the Scenery Management System (FSM 2380). The CDNST is a concern level 1 travel route, and scenic integrity objective is to be high or very high.

2. Use the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) system (FSM 2311.1) in the management of the CDNST corridor. The CDNST is to be managed primarily for Primitive and Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized ROS conditions and experiences.

3. The CDNST should be managed for both Pack-and-Saddle and Hiker-Pedestrian uses (FSH 2309.18). However, where the trail design parameters reflect only Hiker-Pedestrian use, the managed use should be only Hiker-Pedestrian.

4. Motor vehicle use may be allowed on a trail segment of the CDNST (Title 16 United States Code, section 1246(c) (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)):

- a. If necessary to meet emergencies,
- b. To enable adjacent landowners or land users to have reasonable access to their lands or where there are existing valid rights, and
- c. On a designated motor vehicle use route (36 CFR part 212 subpart B) that crosses the CDNST where an affirmative determination has been made that such use would not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the CDNST.

d. In addition to one of the above three situations being met, motor vehicle use must also be allowed by the overall management direction for the land management plan area.

e. Motor vehicle use is also allowed on a trail segment if such use is consistent with FSM 2353.44, Management of the CDNST (5).

5. Motor vehicle use shall be allowed on a trail segment of the CDNST where the following conditions are met (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)):

- a. An affirmative determination has been made that motor vehicle use would not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the CDNST, and
- b. Motor vehicle use was allowed by administrative regulations on a National Forest System travel route that was developed prior to November 10, 1978, which is the time of designation of the CDNST by Public Law 95–625.

c. In addition to both of the above two situations being met, motor vehicle use must also be allowed by the overall management direction for the land management plan area.

d. Motor vehicle use may also be allowed on a trail segment if such use is consistent with FSM 2353.44, Management of the CDNST (4).

6. Where motor vehicle use is allowed on a road segment (16 U.S.C. 1244(5)) or trail segment (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)) of the CDNST, consider establishing motor vehicle use prohibitions and restrictions (part 261—Prohibitions, of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR part 261)) to mitigate the effects of such use on the nature and purposes of the CDNST. Management practices and actions that would promote or result in increased motor vehicle use on the CDNST should not occur.

7. Bicycle (mountain bike) use may only be allowed on a trail segment of the CDNST where the following conditions are met (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)):

- a. An affirmative determination has been made that bicycle use would not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the CDNST, and
- b. Bicycles must also be allowed by the overall management direction for the land management plan area.

8. Where bicycle (mountain bike) use is allowed on the CDNST, consider establishing bicycle use prohibitions and restrictions (36 CFR part 261) to mitigate the effects of such use on the nature and purposes of the CDNST. Management practices and actions that would promote or result in increased bicycle use on the CDNST should not occur.

Regulatory Certifications

Environmental Impact

The directives would provide policy and procedural guidance to agency officials implementing the National Trails System Act. CDNST management decisions implementing the directives would include appropriate site-specific environmental analysis and public involvement. The directives would have no effect on the ground until site-specific planning decisions are completed, with opportunity for public involvement. Section 31b of USDA Forest Service Handbook 1909.15 (57 FR 43180, September 18, 1992) excludes from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement “rules, regulations, or policies to establish Service-wide administrative procedures, program processes, or instructions.” The agency’s conclusion is that the directives fall within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist which would require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Regulatory Impact

The directives have been reviewed under USDA procedures and Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 on regulatory planning and review. The directives would not have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy, nor would it adversely affect productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health and safety, or State and local governments. The directives would not interfere with any action taken or planned by another agency, nor would they raise new legal or policy issues. Finally, the directives would not alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of beneficiaries of such programs. Accordingly, the directives are not subject to OMB review under E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis

The directives have been considered in light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602 *et seq.*). The directives would not have any effect on small entities as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The directives would not directly affect small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions. Therefore, the agency has determined that the directives would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the directives would not impose record-keeping requirements on them; the directives would not affect their competitive position in relation to large entities; and it would not affect their cash flow, liquidity, or ability to remain in the market.

No Takings Implications

The directives have been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in E.O. 12630. It has been determined that the directives would not pose the risk of a taking of private property.

Federalism and Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

The agency has considered the directives under the requirements of E.O. 13132 on federalism, and has determined that the directives conform with the federalism principles set out in this E.O.; would not impose any compliance costs on the States; and would not have substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship between the Federal government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various

levels of government. Therefore, the agency has determined that no further assessment of federalism implications is necessary.

Moreover, the directives would not have Tribal implications as defined by E.O. 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments, and therefore advance consultation with Tribes is not required.

Energy Effects

The directives have been reviewed under E.O. 13211 of May 18, 2001, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect the Energy Supply. It has been determined that the directives would not constitute a significant energy action as defined in the E.O.

Unfunded Mandates

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), which the President signed into law on March 22, 1995, the agency has assessed the effects of the directives on State, local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. The directives would not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by an State, local, or Tribal government or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

These directives do not contain any record-keeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 that are not already required by law or not already approved for use. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Richard Stem,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service, an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development and/or Agency, invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele L. Brooks, Acting Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–0736. FAX: (202) 720–4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 1753, Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0059.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection package.

Abstract: In order to facilitate the programmatic interest of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by the Agency are adequately secured, the Agency, as a secured lender, has established certain forms for materials, equipment and construction of electric and telecommunications systems. The use of standard forms, construction contracts, and procurement procedures helps assure the Agency that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained, the Agency's loan security is not adversely affected; and the loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes.

Over the past year and a half, the Agency has undertaken a comprehensive review of its Telecommunications Program contracts. The purpose of this undertaking is to improve customer service to the Agency's rural borrowers with a more efficient and effective means to complete a contract transaction as well as improve the internal efficiency of processing contracts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 513.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10,592 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development at (202) 720–7853. Comments are invited on (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 on other forms of information technology.

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.

James M. Andrew,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a briefing meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on August 17, 2007, at the Dirksen Federal Building, Courtroom 1719, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604. The purpose of the meeting is to gather data regarding the enforcement of prohibitions against religious discrimination in prisons. The agenda will include panels of presenters knowledgeable of the topic, including prisoners' rights advocates; state, county, and federal prison officials; clergy who serve the religious needs of inmates; and legal scholars.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by August 24, 2007. The address is 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603. Persons wishing to email their comments, or to present