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Alfred V. Almanza,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Jerome, Idaho. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following Web site: <http://fs.usda.gov/Sawtooth>

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 24, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 324 South 417 East, Jerome, Idaho.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Office, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Thomas, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 208-737-3262 or via email at jathomas@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Oral presentations from individuals or groups proposing projects for funding,
2. A question and answer period for proponents; and
3. Reports from other projects presented at the end of the day.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by May 29, 2015 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of

the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Julie Thomas, Designated Federal Officer, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301; by email to jathomas@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 208-737-3236.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: May 12, 2015.

Kit T. Mullen,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Assessment of Ecological/Social/Cultural/Economic Sustainability, Conditions, and Trends for the Gila National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiating the assessment phase of the Gila National Forest land management plan revision.

SUMMARY: The Gila National Forest, located in southwestern New Mexico, is initiating the forest planning process pursuant to the 2012 Forest Planning Rule. This process results in a Forest Land Management Plan which describes the strategic direction for management of forest resources for the next fifteen years on the Gila National Forest. The first phase of the process, the assessment phase, is beginning and interested parties are invited to contribute in the development of the assessment (36 CFR 219.6). The trends and conditions identified in the assessment will help in identifying the current plan's need for change, and aid in the development of plan components. The Forest hosted a series of community conversations with key stakeholders in March 2015. Additional public participation opportunities are forthcoming in the near future to discuss the assessment process—information on these opportunities and all future public participation opportunities will be made available on

the Gila Plan Revision Web site (see below for the link).

DATES: A draft of the assessment report for the Gila National Forest is expected to be completed by late spring 2016 and will be posted on the following Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>.

The Gila National Forest is currently inviting the public to engage in a collaborative process to identify relevant information and local knowledge to be considered for the assessment. Once the assessment is completed, the Forest will initiate procedures pursuant to the 2012 Planning Rule and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to prepare a forest plan revision.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or questions concerning this notice should be addressed to Gila National Forest, Attn.: Matt Schultz, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Schultz, Forest Planner, 575-388-8280. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. More information on the planning process can also be found on the Gila National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that every National Forest System (NFS) unit develop a land management plan. On April 9, 2012, the Forest Service finalized its land management planning rule (2012 Planning Rule), which provides broad programmatic direction to National Forests and National Grasslands for developing and implementing their land management plans. Forest plans describe the strategic direction for management of forest resources for fifteen years, and are adaptive and amendable as conditions change over time.

Under the 2012 Planning Rule, the assessment of ecological, social, cultural, and economic trends and conditions is the first stage of the planning process. The second stage is a plan development and decision process guided, in part, by the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and includes the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement and revised Forest Plan for public review and comment, and the preparation of the final environmental impact statement and revised Forest Plan, subject to the objection process 36 CFR

219 Subpart B prior to final plan approval. The third stage of the process is monitoring and feedback, which is ongoing over the life of the revised forest plans.

With this notice, the agency invites other governments, non-governmental parties, and the public to contribute to the development of the assessment report. The assessment will rapidly evaluate existing information about relevant ecological, economic, cultural and social conditions, trends, and sustainability within the context of the broader landscape. It will help inform the planning process through the use of Best Available Scientific Information, while also taking into account other forms of knowledge, such as local information, national perspectives, and native knowledge. Lastly, the assessment provides information that will help to identify the need to change the existing 1986 plan. Public engagement as part of the assessment phase supports the development of relationships of key stakeholders throughout the plan revision process, and is an essential step to understanding current conditions, available data, and feedback needed to support a strategic, efficient planning process.

As public meetings, public review and comment periods and other opportunities for public engagement are identified to assist with the development of the forest plan revision, public announcements will be made. Notifications will be posted on the Forest's Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671> and information will be sent out to the Forest's mailing list. If anyone is interested in being on the Forest's mailing list to receive these notifications, please contact Matt Schultz, Forest Planner, at the mailing address identified above, or by sending an email to gilaplan@fs.fed.us. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), please be advised that all information provided with your comments will become part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. This includes your name and all contact information provided.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for the revision of the land management plan for the Gila National Forest is David Warnack, acting Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061.

Dated: April 24, 2015.

David Warnack

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Final Record of Decision for Shoshone National Forest Land Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of plan approval for the Shoshone National Forest.

SUMMARY: Regional Forester Daniel J. Jiron signed the final Record of Decision (ROD) for the Shoshone National Forest revised Land Management Plan (Plan) on May 6, 2015. The Final ROD documents the Regional Forester's decision and rationale for approving the revised plan.

DATES: The effective date of the plan is 30 calendar days after this notice. To view the final ROD, revised Plan, FEIS errata, and other related documents please visit the Shoshone National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information about the Shoshone planning process can be obtained from Olga Troxel during normal office hours (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time) at the Shoshone National Forest Supervisor's Office (Address: Shoshone National Forest, 808 Meadow Lane, Cody, WY 82414); Phone/voicemail: (307) 527-6241.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revised plan describes desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, and identifies lands suitable for various uses. The plan will guide project and activity decision making and all resource management activities on the Forest for the next 15 years. The plan is part of the long-range resource planning framework established by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act.

Dated: May 6, 2015.

Daniel J. Jiron,

Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region.

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