

when school is not in session. During the regular school year, the federally funded National School Lunch Program makes available nutritious meals to children attending elementary, middle and high schools. Children, who could not otherwise afford to pay full price, are able to receive their lunch for free or at a reduced price, depending on the economic status of their household. Breakfasts are also made available in most school districts during the school year to provide nutritious meals to children.

When school lets out for the summer, children from low-income areas can potentially participate in the SFSP. Meals available through the SFSP are often offered through various educational and recreational activities, including camps, sports and art/craft activities. The primary goal of SFSP is to provide nutritious meals to children in low-income areas when school is not in session during the summer. The summer food program for children operates in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. However, the number of children in the SFSP served in July 2001 (2.1 million per day) was only about 14 percent of the children who receive free or reduced-priced school lunches during the previous, regular school year.

The Food and Nutrition Service has a need for information on households' awareness of SFSP sites in their local communities, reasons why their children do not participate, and perceptions of food adequacy for their children during the summer compared to the regular school year. Telephone and in-depth personal interviews are to be conducted in English and Spanish, as needed, with an ethnic and racially diverse sample of parents/guardians of children in low-income areas who receive free and reduced lunches during the school year but who do not participate in the SFSP. Additional interviews will also be conducted for comparison purposes with the parents/guardians of qualifying children who do participate in the summer food program for children. The interviews will be held in four sites around the United States.

Respondents: Parents/guardians of children in low-income areas who qualify for free or reduced price lunches during the regular school year and who do not participate in the SFSP, as well as parents/guardians of children that do participate in SFSP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: A telephone screener survey will be administered to an estimated 400 households. Based on information obtained from the screener survey, 50 households will complete an extended

telephone interview (40 households with elementary-grade children who did not participate in the SFSP and 10 households with children who did participate in SFSP) in each of the four sites for a total of 200 extended telephone interviews. Twenty-five in-person interviews will be conducted among the 50 households completing telephone interviews in each of the four sites for a total of 100 in-person interviews.

Estimated number of responses per Respondent: One response for the 100 households completing only the telephone interview, two responses for the 100 households who complete the telephone and the in-person interviews.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for parents/guardians is estimated to be 10 minutes for completing the telephone screener and 20 minutes for completing additional questions in the extended telephone interview. The in-person interview will require 30 minutes.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 183.4 hours.

Screener interview = 400 households $\times$ 10 minutes = 66.7 hours; extended telephone interview = 200 households $\times$ 20 minutes = 66.7 hours; in-person interview with respondents who have already completed the screener and the telephone survey = 100 households $\times$ 30 minutes = 50 hours.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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To Remove or Modify the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) to remove or modify the survey and manage mitigation measure standards and guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (collectively the Agencies) have prepared a FSEIS. The Agencies are

supplementing the analyses contained in the FSEIS (2000) for amendment to the survey and manage, protection buffer, and other mitigation measures standards and guidelines, and the FSEIS (1994) for amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management planning documents within the range of the Northern Spotted Owl.

The FSEIS is now available to the public. Requests to receive copies of the FSEIS should be sent to the address listed below. Alternately, the FSEIS is available on the Internet at www.or.blm.gov/nwfpnepa.

DATES: Publication of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice of availability and filing of the FSEIS in the **Federal Register** initiates a 30-day availability period. This 30-day availability period is not a comment period.

ADDRESSES: To request copies of the document, or add your name to the mailing list, contact: Survey and Manage FSEIS, 333 SW., First Avenue, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208; fax: (503) 326-2396 (please address fax to: "Survey and Manage FSEIS").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Hubbard, Survey and Manage FSEIS Team Logistics Coordinator; telephone (503) 326-2355; or e-mail: oregon_smnepa_mail@or.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A limited number of individual copies of the Draft SEIS may also be obtained by contacting Jerry Hubbard. Copies are also available for inspection at public libraries and Forest Service or BLM offices in western Washington, western Oregon, and northwestern California.

Three alternatives, including no action, are considered in detail in the FSEIS. The preferred alternative is Alternative 2. The preferred alternative would remove the survey and manage mitigation measure and the Agencies would rely on other elements of the Northwest Forest Plan and their existing Special Status Species Programs to conserve rare species. A decision to select one of the action alternatives would amend the management direction in all 28 Forest Service land and resource management plans and BLM resource management plans in the Northwest Forest Plan area.

Readers should note that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are the responsible officials for this proposed action.

Therefore, no administrative review ("appeal") through the Forest Service will be available on the Record of Decision under 36 CFR part 217, and no administrative review ("protest")

through the BLM will be available on the proposed decision under 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Because there is no administrative review of the decision, the record of decision will not be signed for a minimum of 30 days after the EPA notice of availability of this FSEIS appears in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

A. Barron Bail,

Associate State Director, Oregon and Washington, Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Prather, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and to approve project proposals for FY2004 funds regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) for expenditure of Payments to States Fresno County Title II funds.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 3, 2004 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the High Sierra Ranger District Office, Sierra National Forest, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, California, 93651. Send written comments to Robin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to reckman@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 ext. 3341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Public sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by January 13, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Call for new projects; (2) Status report from project recipients; and (3) Public comment.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393. Topics to be discussed include: general information, possible Title II projects, and next meeting dates and agendas.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 10, 2004, from 6 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Franklin County Public Library, 381 First Street, Meadville, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Bell Lunsford, Public Affairs Officer, USDA, Homochitto National Forest, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653 (601-384-2814) (601-660-6322)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff, Committee members and elected officials. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by February 6, 2004, will have the opportunity to address the committee at that session. Individuals

wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Glen Gaines, Acting District Ranger, DFO, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653.

Dated: January 9, 2004.

Glen Gaines,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the availability of \$11.3 million in competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. This grant program is authorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act). The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential expenditure for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Eligible applicants include persons, States, political subdivisions of States, and other entities organized under State law. Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal entities are eligible applicants. This notice describes the eligibility and application requirements, the criteria that will be used by RUS to award funding and information on how to obtain application materials and how prior applicants may request reconsideration of existing applications under this program.

DATES: All applications must be postmarked or delivered to RUS or through Grants.gov no later than March 5, 2004. Applications will be accepted on publication of this notice. Comments regarding the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act must be received on or before March 23, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Paper applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1560, Room 5165, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1560.