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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 receive project proposals 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 February 18, 2003, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Larson, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 ext. 3319.

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 February 18, 2003 will have the

opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and approve the January 21, 2003 meeting notes; (2) Discuss new business of the RAC if applicable; (3) Vote on submitted projects for 2002 funds; (4) Confirm the date, location and agenda of the next meeting; (5) Public comment.

Dated: January 9, 2003.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Modoc County RAC Meetings.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), the Modoc National Forest's Modoc County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, February 10 and Monday March 10, 2003, in Alturas, California for each business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting February 10 begins at 4 p.m. at the Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas. Agenda topics will include approval of November 13 and January 8 minutes, reports from subcommittees, hear a status report on 2002 and 2003 projects, and discuss community outreach for projects for fiscal year 2004 that will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, provide economic benefits and restore and improve health and water quality that meet the intent of Public Law 106-393. A roll call vote will be taken on three projects. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

The business meeting March 10 begins at 4 p.m. at the Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas. Agenda topics will include approval of February 10

minutes, reports from subcommittees, and discuss progress of community outreach for fiscal year 2004 projects. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Forest Supervisor Stan Sylva, at (530) 233-8700; or Public Affairs Officer Nancy Gardner at (530) 233-8713.

Nancy Gardner,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

RIN 0596-AB99

National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Needed for Fire Management Activities; Categorical Exclusions; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Office of the Secretary, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for the proposed categorical exclusions described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to: Healthy Forests Initiative, USDA FS Content Analysis Team, P.O. Box 221150, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (801) 517-1015 or by e-mail to healthyforests@fs.fed.us. If comments are sent via facsimile or e-mail, the public is requested not to send duplicate written comments via regular mail.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection. Persons wishing to inspect the comments need to call (801) 517-1020 to facilitate an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Sire, USDA Forest Service, Ecosystem Management Coordination, (202) 205-2935, or Willie Taylor, Department of the Interior, Office of

Environmental Policy and Compliance, (202) 208-3891. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, December 16, 2002, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the Department of the Interior published two proposed categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, 67 FR 77038, concerning fire management activities. The deadline for receipt of comments was January 15, 2003. The comment period is extended for sixteen days to allow additional time for comment on the proposed categorical exclusions. Comments must be received on or before January 31, 2003.

For the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Sally D. Collins,
Associate Chief.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Christopher B. Kearney,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Local Government Finances (School Systems)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sharon J. Meade, U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301-763-7316).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau collects education finance data as part of its Annual Survey of State and Local Governments. This survey is the only comprehensive source of public fiscal data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts and procedures. The collection covers the revenues, expenditures, debt, and assets of all public school systems. This data collection has been coordinated with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The NCES uses this collection to satisfy its need for school system level finance data.

Information on the finance of our public schools is vital to assessing their effectiveness. This data collection makes it possible to access a single data base to obtain information on such things as per pupil expenditures and the percent of state, local, and federal funding for each school system. Recently, as exemplified by the reauthorization of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), there has been increased interest in improving the Nation's public schools. One result of this intensified interest has been a significant increase in the demand for school finance data.

The four forms used in the school finance portion of the survey are:

Form F-33. This form contains item descriptions and definitions of the elementary-secondary education finance items collected jointly by the Census Bureau and NCES. It is used primarily as a worksheet by the state education agencies that provide school finance data centrally for all of the school systems in their respective states. Most states supply their data by electronic means.

Form F-33-1. This form is used at the beginning of each survey period to solicit the assistance of the state education agencies. It establishes the conditions by which the state education agencies provide their school finance data to the Census Bureau.

Form F-33-L1. This is a supplemental letter sent to the school systems in states where the state education agencies cannot provide information on the assets of individual school systems.

Form F-33-L2. This is a supplemental letter sent to the school systems in states where the state education agency cannot

provide information on the indebtedness of individual school systems.

Form F-33-L3. This is a supplemental letter sent to the school systems in states where the state education agency cannot provide information on either indebtedness or assets. This letter combines the items requested on the forms F-33-L1 and F-33-L2.

The data collection is identical to the previous collections except that the section on revenue from federal sources through the state government is updated to accommodate the collection of data related to the reauthorization of the Elementary-Secondary Education Act (ESEA) by the No Child Left Behind Act.

II. Method of Collection

Through central collection arrangements with the state education agencies, the Census Bureau collects almost all of the finance data for local school systems from state education agency data bases. The states transfer most of this information in electronic format via e-mail and over the Internet via file transfer protocol (FTP). The Census Bureau has facilitated central collection of school finance data by accepting data in whatever formats the states elect to transmit.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0700.

Form Number: F-33, F-33-1, F-33-L1, F-33-L2, F-33-L3.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4180.

Estimated Time Per Response: .97 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4038.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$73,492.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., sections 161 and 181.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques