

Pursuant to the Forest Service Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program, developed in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 223.84 require the Forest Service bid form used by potential timber sale bidders include provisions for small business concerns. The data collected will be used by the agency to ensure that National Forest System timber will be sold at not less than appraised value, that bidders will meet specific criteria when submitting a bid, and that anti-trust violations will not occur during the bidding process.

The tax identification number of each bidder is entered into an automated bid monitoring system, which is used to determine if speculative bidding or unlawful bidding practices are occurring and is required to process electronic payments to the purchaser.

Respondents will be bidders on National Forest System timber sales. Forest Service Sale Officers will provide bid forms to potential bidders, and bidders will return the completed forms, dated and signed, to the Forest Service Sale Officer.

The data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Forms Associated With This Information Collection

FS-2400-42a—National Forest Timber and Forest Products for Sale (Advertisement and Short-Form Bid): This form will be used for soliciting and receiving bids on short-notice timber sales advertised for less than 30 days for less than \$10,000 in advertised value. Respondents are bidders on National Forest System timber sales.

FS-2400-14—Bid for Advertised Timber (3 form versions: *FS-2400-14UR*—Unit Rate Bidding; *FS-2400-14WA*—Weighted Average Bidding; *FS-2400-14TV*—Total Value Bidding): These forms implement the same statutes, policies, and regulations and collect similar information from the same applicants. Respondents are bidders on National Forest System timber and forest product sales.

FS-2400-14BV—Bid for Integrated Resource Timber Contract (2 form versions: *FS-2400-14BV*—Best Value, Total Value Bidding; *FS-2400-14BVU*—Best Value, Unit Rate Bidding): These forms will be used for soliciting and receiving bids on contracts advertised for 30 days or longer and on contracts greater than \$10,000 in advertised value.

FS-2400-14sb—Substitute Blocks of *FS-2400-14UR*, *FS-2400-14WA*, and *FS-2400-14TV* when sale contains specified roads to a higher standard

than is needed to remove timber and the specified road construction cost is \$50,000 or greater, or when sale contains specified roads to a higher standard than is needed to remove timber and the specified road construction cost is less than \$50,000. Substitution language specific for Region 10 for small business set aside sales is also included in *FS-2400-14sb*.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Estimate of Burden per Response: 31 hours per response.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1,824.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.6.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 118,017 hours.

Comment is Invited:

Comment is invited on: (1) whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

JoLynn D. Anderson,

Agency Federal Register Officer, Policy Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forestry Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forestry Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Agriculture and

Food Act of 1981 (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of this committee is to make recommendations to and advise the Secretary of Agriculture on forestry research. The Agriculture and Food Act directs the Secretary to appoint the FRAC, which advises on how to efficiently accomplish the purposes of the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The FRAC focuses on developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, forestry schools, and forest industries. FRAC recommendations support states in carrying out a program of forestry research through land-grant colleges or agricultural experiment stations and other state-supported colleges and universities that offer graduate training in forestry. The FRAC also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, which is authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978.

DATES: An in-person meeting will be held on November 21, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and November 22, 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 13, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 13, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the committee, but the committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

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

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in person at USDA Forest Service, Sidney R Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250 in the Yates Training Room. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/about/frac> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to arthur.a.duggan@usda.gov or via mail (postmarked) to David Lytle, Research and Development 2NW, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59

p.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 13, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to arthur.a.duggan@usda.gov or via mail (postmarked) to David Lytle, Research and Development 2NW, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Duggan, Jr., Science Quality Services Program Manager, by phone at (510) 542-0081 or email at arthur.a.duggan@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Discuss questions Federal forestry researchers are addressing and how they are addressing them;
2. Discuss recommendations the FRAC can make to the Secretary of Agriculture to further forestry research advancements, and
3. Identify topics for future meetings.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. 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 upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: October 16, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: 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 meeting of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by virtual web conference on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time/Eastern Time. The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico.

DATES: November 26, 2024, Tuesday, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time (3:30 p.m. ET).

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual): <https://tinyurl.com/27uh96fx>; Passcode, if needed: USCCR-PR.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833-435 1820 USA Toll Free; Meeting ID: 160 059 7846 #.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Email Victoria Moreno, Designated

Federal Officer at vmoreno@usccr.gov, or by phone at 434-515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will take place in Spanish with English interpretation. This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period is provided to allow members of the public to make oral statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting "CC" in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-312-353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via the following websites: <https://tinyurl.com/32weekzm> and <https://tinyurl.com/3df8ku76>. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Roll Call
2. Committee Discussion on Project Regarding the Civil Rights Impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico
3. Next Steps
4. Public Comment
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

Dated: November 1, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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