

company's customers that the company is meeting the standards on child labor and forced labor and relevant requirements outlined within its own program. There are two possible methods of conducting independent review. The *independent third-party monitoring* model utilizes independent external monitoring organizations and monitors to evaluate conditions at the facilities of the company and its suppliers. The *independent third-party verification* model utilizes accredited certification bodies to verify the company's ability to implement and maintain a program that ensures its suppliers meet its standards on child labor and forced labor. There are advantages and disadvantages with each of these models. For example:

- Independent third-party monitoring may include unannounced and announced on-site visits to evaluate a company's suppliers to determine compliance with child labor and forced labor standards. The monitor identifies violations of child labor and forced labor when observed. However, independent third-party monitoring will not necessarily include an evaluation of the company's entire documented program.
- Independent third-party verification includes an evaluation of the company's entire documented program to determine compliance to the program as well as to the standards for child labor and forced labor. It includes witnessing the company evaluating its suppliers. The verifier does not conduct independent evaluations of suppliers. However, the verifier does identify violations of child labor and forced labor when observed.

Companies may choose whichever model is most appropriate for their circumstances; however, a comprehensive program should include a combination of the two models. It should be noted that, while these review methods can verify that companies have robust systems in place to reduce the likelihood that child or forced labor is being used in their supply chains, neither model guarantees the absence of child or forced labor. Key elements of the two models are described below:

A. Independent Third Party Monitoring

1. Monitors should be accredited to conduct independent, third party monitoring. Monitors should have expertise on labor standards and possess knowledge of local workplace conditions and prevailing industry practices. Monitors should have experience and demonstrate

competence in the execution of onsite evaluations of labor standards compliance in an agricultural setting.

2. Independent monitoring should be conducted by an entity external to the company and should demonstrate independence and impartiality as a precondition for participating in the monitoring process.

3. Monitoring should consist of on-site visits to a representative sample of farms and/or agricultural worksites and should occur on a continuous basis focusing on times of higher risk of use of child labor and/or forced labor in order to determine if child labor and forced labor standards are being respected and enforced. Unannounced visits are necessary to carry out this function fully. Announced visits may also be useful when it is necessary to have access to specific personnel or documentation.

4. Suppliers should be randomly selected. However, such selection should focus on suppliers that are identified to be at most risk.

5. Monitors should provide the company (ies) with a report outlining the findings and may make recommendations for remediation measures a company should take to address any incidences where the supplier did not implement the company's standards on child labor and/or forced labor.

B. Independent Third Party Verification

1. Verifiers should be accredited certification bodies, complying with either ISO/IEC 17021:2006 or ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 or other relevant systems. ISO/IEC 17021 contains principles and requirements for the competence, consistency, and impartiality of an audit and the certification of management systems of all types and for bodies providing these activities. ISO/IEC Guide 65 contains the general requirements that a third party operating a product or service certification system shall meet in order to be recognized as competent and reliable. Verifiers should have qualified and competent personnel with the appropriate skills and knowledge in child labor and forced labor standards.

2. Third Party verification should be conducted at least annually.

3. Audits should include testing of audit data to confirm that company data systems are reliable.

4. Audits should include witness audits where the Verifier observes the company's monitoring activities.

5. Announced audits are important when it is necessary to have access to specific personnel or documentation. Unannounced audits may also be useful

in verifying that company policies are being implemented appropriately. Verifiers should provide the company with a report identifying weaknesses found in the company's program and program implementation.

6. Verifiers should require the company to implement remediation measures to address the weaknesses, and these remediation efforts should then be audited to confirm that they were implemented and effective.

7. Verifiers should approve companies whose programs and program implementation are found to be in conformance to the requirements of the Guidelines.

8. Each verifier auditing companies to the Guidelines should provide the public a list of companies under review, approved, suspended, and/or withdrawn.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 4th, 2011.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tuolumne-Mariposa Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tuolumne-Mariposa Counties Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on May 9, 2011 at the City of Sonora Fire Department, in Sonora, California. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review new project proposals, and to decide which project proponents to invite to make presentations at the June 13 and July 11 RAC meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 9, 2011, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the City of Sonora Fire Department located at 201 South Shepherd Street, in Sonora, California (CA 95370).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Martinez, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Stanislaus National Forest, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 532-3671, extension 320; E-mail bethmartinez@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items include: (1) Review new project proposals; (2) determine which project proponents to invite to make presentations at the June and July RAC meetings, (3) Public comment. This meeting is open to the public.

Dated: April 5, 2011.

Susan Skalski,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to continue the review of project submittals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 28, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Salt Lake County Government Center, Room S1002, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Written comments should be sent to Loyal Clark, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601. Comments may also be sent via email to lfclark@fs.fed.us, via facsimile to 801-342-5144.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loyal Clark, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601; 801-342-5117; lfclark@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review new projects, and (2) recommend final projects to the Forest Service. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: April 6, 2011.

Cheryl Probert,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, June 28, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held at the Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 4, 2011.

Jeff DeFreest,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman's Perspective, (5) Project Presentations, (6) General Project Discussion, (7) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 28, 2011 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1269; e-mail rjero@fs.fed.us.

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 matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by April 25, 2011 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 5, 2011.

Eduardo Olmedo,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Everett, Washington on May 12, 2011. The committee is meeting to review and prioritize 2011 and 2012 Snohomish County RAC Project Proposals for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest 4th floor Conference Room, located at the Wall Street Building, 2930 Wetmore Ave., Everett, Washington 98201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Forbes, District Ranger, Darrington Ranger District, phone (360) 436-2301, e-mail pforbes@fs.fed.us.

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