

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations to prevent the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, contact Dr. Alexandra MacKenzie, Senior Veterinary Medical Officer, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3411; [alexandra.mackenzie@usda.gov](mailto:alexandra.mackenzie@usda.gov). For information on the information collection reporting process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483; [joseph.moxey@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.moxey@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Importation of Animals and Animal Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0393.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to, among other things, prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products into or through the United States to prevent the introduction and dissemination of animal diseases and pests.

To guard against the introduction of animal diseases, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96 govern the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, meat, and other animal products and byproducts into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a chronic degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system of cattle.

Section 92.5 of the regulations provides that all countries of the world are considered by APHIS to be in one of three BSE risk categories: Negligible risk, controlled risk, or undetermined risk. These risk categories are defined in § 92.1. Any region that is not classified by APHIS as presenting either negligible risk or controlled risk for BSE is considered to present an undetermined risk. Under the regulations, APHIS may classify a region for BSE in one of two ways. One way is for countries that have not received a risk classification from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)<sup>1</sup> to request

classification by APHIS. The other way is for APHIS to concur with the classification given to a country by WOAH.

To ensure BSE is not introduced into the United States, the regulations place specific conditions on the importation of animals and animal products. These requirements necessitate the use of several information collection activities, including, but not limited to, certifications, official identification, request for and retention of classification as negligible or controlled risk, declarations of importation, import and export certificates, applications, import and movement permits, agreements, certification statements, seals, notifications, and recordkeeping.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.639 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Shippers, U.S. importers of regulated animal products, herd owners, salaried veterinarians of foreign regions, foreign exporters of processed animal protein and other regulated materials and products, accredited veterinarians, slaughter facility managers, and educators and researchers.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 150.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 6,922.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 1,038,336.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 663,778 hours. (Due to

averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of August 2023.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Alabama Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Alabama Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. 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 (FACA), as amended. 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, as well as to make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the National Forests in Alabama, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**DATES:** An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

*Written and Oral Comments:* Anyone wishing to provide in-person and virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on September 17, 2023. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on September 17, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the

<sup>1</sup> The World Organization for Animal Health internationally follows a British English spelling of "organization" in its name; it was formerly the Office International des Epizooties, or OIE, but on May 28, 2022, the Organization announced that the acronym was changed from OIE to WOAH.

person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held in-person at the National Forests in Alabama Supervisor's Office located at 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36107. The public may also join virtually via telephone and/or video conference. RAC information and meeting details can be found at the following website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/alabama/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [dawn.suiter@usda.gov](mailto:dawn.suiter@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Dawn Suiter 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36107. 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. Central Standard Time on September 17, 2023, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [dawn.suiter@usda.gov](mailto:dawn.suiter@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Dawn Suiter, 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36107.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammy Freeman Brown, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 334-315-4926 or email at [tammy.freemanbrown@usda.gov](mailto:tammy.freemanbrown@usda.gov) or Dawn Suiter, RAC Coordinator, at 334-224-5336 or email at [dawn.suiter@usda.gov](mailto:dawn.suiter@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear from Title II project proponents and discuss Title II project proposals; and
2. Make funding recommendations on Title II projects.

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 in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: August 7, 2023.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. 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 (FACA), as amended. 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, as well as to make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests within Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, or Benewah County, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**DATES:** An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on September 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

**Written and Oral Comments:** Anyone wishing to provide in-person or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PDT on September 12, 2023. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. PDT on September 12, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All RAC 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 and virtually, at the Interagency Natural Resources Center, located at 3232 West Nursery Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815. RAC information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ipnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [patrick.lair@usda.gov](mailto:patrick.lair@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Patrick Lair, 3232 West Nursery Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815. 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. PDT, September 12, 2023, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [patrick.lair@usda.gov](mailto:patrick.lair@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Patrick Lair, 3232 West Nursery Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815.