

this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions, *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts, *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803f, 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the proposed action should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the proposed action. Comments may also address the adequacy of the proposed action or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points).

The final EIS would be completed in July 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making the decision regarding this proposal.

Steven T. Eubanks, Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest is the responsible official. As the responsible official he will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: March 5, 2002.

Steven T. Eubanks,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Colville Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Colville Resource Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at the Spokane Community College, Colville Campus Room 107 at 985 S. Elm Street, Colville, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

Agenda items include: (1) Review, modify and approve minutes from February meeting; (2) review and recommend Title II Projects to be submitted to the forest designated official; (3) review and approve the RAC Communication Plan; and (4) develop agenda for next meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to designated federal official, Nora Rasure or Cynthia Reichelt, Public Affairs Officer, Colville National Forest, 765 S. Main, Colville, Washington 99114, (509) 684-7000.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Nora B. Rasure,
Forrest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on March 18, 2002, in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following topics: Contracts, implementation on private lands versus public; Develop a tool for feedback to applicants; Invited back proponents, presentation or/and site visits; Non-approved or multi-year projects; Develop a progress report for dollars allocated; Decide funding mechanism; Monitoring design; and Overhead Rate.

March 25, 2002 meeting will be review and rating of local proposals.

DATES: The meetings will be held March 18, 2002 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and March 25, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Miners Inn and Convention Center, 122 E. Miner Street, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heidi Perry, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097, (530) 841-4468; e-mail: hperry@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roles and Responsibilities for Advisory Committees; (2) Critic Public Proposal Workshop; (3) Project Submittal Process; (4) Project Timelines and (5) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 5, 2002.

Margaret J. Boland,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Butte, Custer, and Lemhi Counties, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Resource Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet at 1 p.m., March 20, 2002 at the Custer County Courthouse, 4th and Main, Challis, Idaho.

The 15-member committee will establish procedures for evaluating proposed projects and for recommending projects to the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The committee will also discuss individual project proposals for 2002. The meeting is open to the public and time will be scheduled for public comments.

The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary of Agriculture under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to work collaboratively with the Salmon-Challis National Forest to provide advice and recommendations consistent with the purposes of the Act.

George P. Matejko,

Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Designated Federal Official.

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