

reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, (9th Circuit, 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 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at the time it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns about the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the statement 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.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments and responses 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 a decision regarding the proposal. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale for the decision in a Record of Decision. The final EIS is scheduled for completion in September, 2004. The decision will be subject to review under Forest Service Appeal Regulations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has scheduled two upcoming meetings at the Snohomish County Administration Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. The first meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in the Willis Tucker Conference Room, 3rd floor. The second meeting will be Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in the Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor.

Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 4 p.m. The agenda item to be covered at both meetings is the review and recommendation of Title II projects for FY 2004.

All Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee advises Snohomish County on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Barbara Busse, Designated Federal Official, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 74920NE. Stevens Pass Hwy, P.O. Box 305, Skykomish, WA 98288 (phone: 360-677-2414) or Terry Skorheim, District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 1405 Emens St., Darrington, WA 98241 (phone: 360-436-1155).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Willamette Province Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in Salem, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues pertinent to the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP) and to provide advice to federal land managers in the Province. The specific topics to be covered at the meeting include planning for the 2004 Province Implementation monitoring; the FS and BLM status in meeting the terms of the Settlement Agreement of the lawsuit *American Forest Resource Council v. BLM* involving the Northwest Forest Plan, and the eighth year evaluation of BLM Resource Management Plans.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 18, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 3301 Market Street, Salem, Oregon. Send written comments to Neal Forrester, Willamette Province Advisory Committee, c/o Willamette National Forest, P.O. Box 10607, Eugene, Oregon 97440, (541) 225-6436 or electronically to [nforrester@fs.fed.us](mailto:nforrester@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neal Forrester, Willamette National Forest, (541) 225-6436.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to PAC members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the PAC staff before or after the meeting. A public forum will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the PAC. Oral comments will be limited to three minutes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.