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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will hold its fourth meeting in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on September 24-25, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to receive recommendations concerning recreation fee proposals on areas managed by the Forest Service in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico; and to discuss other items of interest related to the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

A final detailed agenda, with any additions/corrections to agenda topics, location, field trips and meeting times, will be sent to regional media sources at least 14 days before the meeting, and hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish a hard copy of the agenda, should contact Caroline Mitchell at P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 or by phone at 501-321-5318 no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 24-25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, 85 Univ. Blvd., 1-81 @Exit 247-A in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Cheryl Chatham, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902.

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 recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who make written requests by September 15, 2008, will have the opportunity to address the Committee at the meeting. Send written comments to Cheryl Chatham, Designated Federal Official for the Southern Recreation RAC, U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

Cheryl G. Chatham,

Designated Federal Officer, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations for Recreation Resource Advisory Committees.

SUMMARY: Nominations are being sought for certain positions to serve on the Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committees (Recreation RAC). New members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) and serve three-year terms. Appointments will begin in February 2009 when current member appointments expire.

One member is being sought to represent each of the following interests: Winter Non-motorized, Summer Non-motorized, Local Environmental, State Tourism, and Affected Local Governments. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Recreation RAC. Current members who have only served one term may also apply. Application packets for Recreation RACs can be obtained from the Forest Service Pacific Northwest

Regional Office listed below or on the Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rrac>. All nominations must include a completed application packet that includes background information and other information that addresses a nominee's qualifications.

DATES: All applications must be received by the Pacific Northwest Regional Office on or before September 30, 2008. This timeframe may be extended if officials do not receive applications for needed positions.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations to the Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC by: U.S. Mail: Shandra Terry, Regional Public Involvement Coordinator, Public Affairs, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208, (503) 808-2242.

Express Delivery: Shandra Terry, Regional Public Involvement Coordinator, Public Affairs, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 333 SW 1st Ave., Portland, OR 97204, (503) 808-2242.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wanting further information regarding this request for nominations may contact Jocelyn Biro, Recreation Fee Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208, (503) 808-2411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), signed December 2004, requires that the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provide Recreation RACs with an opportunity to make recommendations to the two agencies on certain types of proposed recreation fee changes.

REA allows the agencies to use existing advisory councils, such as BLM Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), or to establish new committees as appropriate. The Forest Service and BLM elected to jointly use existing BLM RACs in the states of Arizona, Idaho, the Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. In 2006, the Forest Service chartered new Recreation RACs for the states of California and Colorado, and for the Forest Service Pacific Northwest, Eastern and Southern Regions. The Forest Service is using an existing advisory board for the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota.