

**E. Wildlife Habitat Improvements:** Changes in forested conditions, fire regimes, and the presence of roads have altered wildlife habitats. Some modifications to habitat have led to the federal listing of terrestrial wildlife species such as northern Idaho ground squirrel (NIDGS). A primary need Forest-wide and in the project area is to maintain and promote dry, lower elevation, large tree, and old forest habitats for the associated wildlife species including reducing road densities and fragmentation that negatively affect elk and other Forest species of concern. The processes, function, patch size and diversity of forested habitats must all be considered in order to properly address wildlife habitat needs. Examples of habitat improvement include: (1) Enhance habitat components that will support sustainable elk populations consistent with the Forest Plan. This includes the best available science to move the project landscape towards the recommended road density and elk security habitat guidelines (*e.g.* effective seasonal gate closures). One potential method of moving towards effective road densities and enhancing elk security habitat is to target road closures in areas where there is route redundancy. (2) Maintain or restore a representative, resilient and redundant network of habitats for species of greatest conservation concern (*e.g.* northern Idaho ground squirrel, white-headed woodpecker, northern goshawk, etc.).

**F. Community Wildfire Mitigation Treatments:** Both, fuel loading and fuel continuity would be altered to reduce surface fire potential as well as crown fire potential among the community wildfire mitigation treatment areas (see Prescribed Fire Treatments and Community Wildfire Mitigation Map). This would provide suppression forces a higher probability of successfully attacking a wildland fire within intermix or rural condition while creating a safer working environment. A combination of non-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, limbing to reduce ladder fuels, piling dead and downed material, pile burning, and/or prescribed burning would facilitate the desired condition. More specifically, activities would result in the following: (1) Increased canopy base heights to reduce potential for spotting, torching, and crown fire; (2) Reduced canopy densities to reduce the potential for crown fire spread; (3) Reduced species that are not fire-resilient to promote fire-resilient stands; (4) Reduced ground and surface fuels. Recurrent application of

the necessary treatments (primarily prescribed fire) every 5–15 years would maintain the desired condition, which is lower fuel loadings and reduced horizontal fuel continuity.

#### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor of the Payette National Forest is the Responsible Official.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the purpose and need for the proposed action, the Responsible Official will determine whether to proceed with the action, as proposed, as modified by another alternative or not at all. If an action alternative is selected, the Responsible Official will determine what design features, mitigation measures and monitoring requirements are included in the decision.

#### Addresses

Additional project information is available on the project page of the Payette National Forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50218>.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this project. Comments submitted anonymously however will also be accepted and considered.

Dated: September 26, 2016.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Advisory Committees Expiration

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** Because the terms of the members of the Florida Advisory Committee are expiring on January 28,

2017, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Florida Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of Florida to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Southern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than November 15, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the Texas Advisory Committee are expiring on January 28, 2017, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Texas Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of the Texas to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than November 15, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

Because the terms of the members of the Michigan Advisory Committee are expiring on January 28, 2017, the United States Commission on Civil Rights hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to apply. The memberships are exclusively for the Michigan Advisory Committee, and applicants must be residents of the Michigan to be considered. Letters of interest must be received by the Midwestern Regional Office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights no later than November 15, 2016. Letters of interest must be sent to the address listed below.

#### DATES:

Letters of interest for membership on the Florida Advisory Committee should be received no later than November 15, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the Texas Advisory Committee should be received no later than November 15, 2016.

Letters of interest for membership on the Michigan Advisory Committee should be received no later than November 15, 2016.

#### ADDRESSES:

Send letters of interest for the Florida Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Southern Regional Office, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Suite 1840T, Atlanta, GA 30303. Letters can also be sent via email to [jhinton@usccr.gov](mailto:jhinton@usccr.gov).

Send letters of interest for the Texas Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Western

Regional Office, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Letter can also be sent via email to [atrechino@uscrr.gov](mailto:atrechino@uscrr.gov).

Send letters of interest for the Michigan Advisory Committee to: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Midwestern Regional Office, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603. Letters can also be sent via email to [mwojnarowski@uscrr.gov](mailto:mwojnarowski@uscrr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Mussatt, Chief, Regional Programs Unit, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-8311. Questions can also be directed via email to [dmussatt@uscrr.gov](mailto:dmussatt@uscrr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Florida, Texas, and Michigan Advisory Committees are statutorily mandated federal advisory committees of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975a. Under the charter for the advisory committees, the purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) on a broad range of civil rights matters in its respective state that pertain to alleged deprivations of voting rights or discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or the administration of justice. Advisory committees also provide assistance to the Commission in its statutory obligation to serve as a national clearinghouse for civil rights information.

Each advisory committee consists of not more than 19 members, each of whom will serve a four-year term. Members serve as unpaid Special Government Employees who are reimbursed for travel and expenses. To be eligible to be on an advisory committee, applicants must be residents of the respective state or district, and have demonstrated expertise or interest in civil rights issues.

The Commission is an independent, bipartisan agency established by Congress in 1957 to focus on matters of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Its mandate is to:

- Investigate complaints from citizens that their voting rights are being deprived,
- study and collect information about discrimination or denials of equal protection under the law,
- appraise federal civil rights laws and policies,
- serve as a national clearinghouse on discrimination laws,
- submit reports and findings and recommendations to the President and the Congress, and
- issue public service announcements to discourage discrimination.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed a member of the Florida, Texas, or Michigan Advisory Committee covered by this notice to send a letter of interest and a resume to the respective address above.

Dated: September 26, 2016.

**David Mussatt,**  
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### National Advisory Committee; Meetings

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC). The NAC will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. The NAC will meet in a plenary session on November 3-4, 2016. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent us from giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments. Please visit the Census Advisory Committees Web site for the most current meeting agenda at: <http://www.census.gov/about/cac.html>. The meeting will be available via webcast at: <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/census-live.html> or at <http://www.ustream.tv/embed/6504322?wmode=direct>.

**DATES:** November 3-4, 2016. On November 3, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. On November 4, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Auditorium, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Dunlop Jackson, Branch Chief for Advisory Committees, Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office, at [tara.t.dunlop@census.gov](mailto:tara.t.dunlop@census.gov), Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H177, 4600 Silver Hill Road,

Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-5222. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NAC was established in March 2012 and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10). The NAC members are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, and consider topics such as hard to reach populations, race and ethnicity, language, aging populations, American Indian and Alaska Native tribal considerations, new immigrant populations, populations affected by natural disasters, highly mobile and migrant populations, complex households, rural populations, and population segments with limited access to technology. The Committee also advises on data privacy and confidentiality, among other issues.

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment on November 4. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to: [census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov](mailto:census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov) (subject line "November 2016 NAC Meeting Public Comment"), or by letter submission to Kimberly L. Leonard, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H179, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, October 31, 2016. You may access the online registration from the following link: [http://www.regonline.com/nov2016\\_nac\\_meeting](http://www.regonline.com/nov2016_nac_meeting). Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Topics of discussion include the following items:

- 2020 Census Program Updates
- Evidence Based Policy Making Commission Overview
- Language Working Group Progress Report