

Sierra National Forest, California*Forest Supervisor Decisions:*

Fresno Bee, published daily in Fresno, Fresno County, California.

District Rangers Decisions:

Fresno Bee, published daily in Fresno, Fresno County, California.

Six Rivers National Forest, California*Forest Supervisor Decisions:*

Times Standard, published daily in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

District Rangers Decisions:

Smith River National Recreation Area: *Del Norte Triplicate*, published daily (five times weekly) in Crescent City, Del Norte County, California.

Orleans and Lower Trinity Districts:

The Kourie, published weekly in Willow Creek, Humboldt County, California.

Mad River District: *Times Standard*, published daily in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Stanislaus National Forest, California*Forest Supervisor Decisions:*

The Union Democrat, published daily (five times weekly) in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

District Rangers Decisions:

The Union Democrat, published daily (five times weekly) in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

Newspaper sometimes providing additional notice of Groveland District Ranger decisions: *Mariposa Gazette*, published weekly in Mariposa, California.

Newspaper sometimes providing additional notice of Calaveras District Ranger decisions: *Calaveras Enterprise*, published twice weekly in San Andreas, California.

Tahoe National Forest, California*Forest Supervisor Decisions:*

The Union, published daily (except Sunday) in Grass Valley, Nevada County, California.

District Rangers Decisions:

American River Ranger District: *Auburn Journal*, published daily in Auburn, Placer County, California.

Sierraville Ranger District: *Mountain Messenger*, published weekly in Downieville, Sierra County, California.

Newspapers providing additional notice of Sierraville District Ranger decisions: *Sierra Booster*, published weekly in Loyalton, Sierra County, California; and *Portola Recorder*, published weekly in Portola, Plumas County, California.

Truckee Ranger District: *Sierra Sun*, published weekly in Truckee,

Nevada County, California.

Newspaper providing additional notice of Truckee District Ranger decisions: *Tahoe World*, published weekly in Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

Yuba River Ranger District: *The Union*, published daily (except Sunday) in Grass Valley, Nevada County, California.

Newspaper providing additional notice of Yuba River District Ranger decisions: *Mountain Messenger*, published weekly in Downieville, Sierra County, California.

Dated: March 9, 2005.

Barbara J. Rate,

Deputy Regional Forester for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Project, Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County, ID**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement to disclose the environmental impacts of implementing watershed improvement activities within the Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation project area. Individuals interested in actions of this nature are encouraged to submit comments and become involved in the planning process.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received at the address below on or before May 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Terry Nevius, Red River District Ranger, P.O. Box 416, Elk City, ID 83525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Bransford, Project Coordinator, (208) 842-2113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Project area is located on the Nez Perce National Forest in northern Idaho within Idaho County. Newsome Creek joins the South Fork Clearwater River 53 miles upstream of Kooshia, Idaho. This watershed has a very high habitat potential for both anadromous and resident fish with spawning occurring in the upper reaches and providing important

subadult/adult rearing habitat for fish in the lower section (USDA Forest Service, 1998).

The Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Project entails three main components; road decommissioning and improvements, culvert replacements, and the rehabilitation of approximately four miles of the mainstream Newsome Creek channel and floodplain.

Approximately 52 miles of roads have been identified for either decommissioning or improvement. Treating these roads will reduce chronic sediment delivery to the watershed's stream system.

Two culverts have been identified for replacement. They are located on a road that is identified above for improvement. These culverts are currently undersized and fish passage barriers. New culverts will be designed using natural stream simulation and will be able to handle bankfull stream flows.

In 2004, a feasibility study was done on rehabilitating approximately 4 miles of stream channel and floodplain that have been heavily altered by past dredge mining activities. From the feasibility study an alternative has been chosen that includes regrading sections of tailings piles to regain a functioning floodplain as well as reconstructing sections of stream channel that currently has little or no habitat diversity. This component of the project will create more fish habitat for spawning and rearing as well as providing a functioning riparian area and floodplain.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45-days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

It is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, 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 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 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*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1980) 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 the Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation Project, as now defined, submit comments by [enter correct time 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 environmental impact statement.

Dated: March 9, 2005.

Jane L. Cottrell,

Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet from 8 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. (or until the conclusion of public testimony) on Friday, April 22, and from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2005, in Wrangell, Alaska. The purpose of this meeting is to review, discuss and potentially recommend for funding proposals received pursuant to Title II, Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act. Public testimony regarding the proposals will also be taken.

DATES: The meeting will be held commencing at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 22, through 9 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the James and Elsie Nolan Center, 1096 Outer Drive, Wrangell, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Messmer, Acting Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone (907) 874-2323, e-mail bmessmer@fes.fed.us, or Patty Grantham, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, phone (907) 772-3871, e-mail pagrantham@fs.fed.us.

Toll-free conference calling is available for this meeting; please call or e-mail for specific information. For further information on RAC history, operations, and the application process, a Web site is available at www.fs.fed.us/payments. Once in the Web site, follow the links to the Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will focus on the review and discussion of proposals received by the RAC for funding under Title II of the Payments to States legislation (Pub. L. 106-393), particularly proposals that were of high interest to the committee, but lacked enough information for the committee to act. New information may be introduced concerning these proposals. New proposals (initial reading) may be discussed at this meeting. The committee may make recommendations for project funding at this meeting. A field trip to review proposals proximate to the Wrangell, Alaska, area may take place. 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 9, 2005.

Dennis Neill,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Tri-County Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2005, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Deer Lodge, Montana, for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, April 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center, 1002 Hollenback Road, Deer Lodge, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas K. Reilly, Designated Forest Official (DFO), Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for this meeting include a review of projects approved and proposed for funding as authorized under Title II of Public Law 106-393, new proposals for funding, review of a community fire plan, and public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will

be posted in local newspapers, including The Montana Standard.

Dated: March 10, 2005.

Thomas K. Reilly,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Inviting Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of two individual grants: one single \$496,000 grant from the passenger transportation funds appropriated for the RBS Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and another single \$248,000 grant from the Federally Recognized Native American Tribes' funds appropriated for RBS under the RBEG program for fiscal year (FY) 2005. Each grant is to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization. These grants are to provide technical assistance for rural transportation.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of preapplications in the Rural Development State Office is May 16, 2005. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date would not be considered for FY 2005 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to obtain copies of the pre-application package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

District of Columbia

Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA,

Specialty Lenders Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3225, Room 6867, Washington, DC 20250-3225, (202) 720-1400.

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400/TTD (334) 279-3495.