

geographic area of such meetings well in advance of scheduled dates.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, 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. 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 90-day 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 environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on 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 draft EIS 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 responsible officials for this environmental impact statement and decision are John H. Skinner, Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest, P.O. Box 6003, Nevada City, CA 95959-6003 and John Phipps, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available for agency and public review by November 1997, and a final environmental impact statement should be available by March 1998.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

John Phipps,
Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

John H. Skinner,
Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, August 21, 1997.

PLACE: Room 0204, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: General discussion involving FCC rulemaking affecting the Bank and RUS telecommunications programs; proposed budget for FY 1998; retirement of Class A stock in FY 1997; annual dividend rate for Class C stock; reserve for loan losses; conversion of Class B stock to Class C stock upon partial repayment of Bank loans; directors' liability insurance; and final rules 7 CFR parts 1610 and 1735.

Action: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Time and Date: 9 a.m., Friday, August 22, 1997.

Place: Room 104A, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Action on Minutes of May 15, 1997, Board meeting.
3. Report on loans approved in third quarter FY 1997.
4. Report on requests for waiver of prepayment premiums in third quarter FY 1997.
5. Summary of financial activity for third quarter FY 1997.
6. Consideration of resolution to retire Class A stock in FY 1997.
7. Consideration of resolution to set annual Class C stock dividend rate.
8. Consideration of the Bank Board's annual report for FY 1996.
9. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert Peters, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Wally Beyer,
Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Current Industrial Reports Program—Wave I (Mandatory).

Form Number(s): Total of 23 individual CIR reports.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0392.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 18,252 hours.

Number of Respondents: 14,650.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program is a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys which provide key measures of production, shipments, and/or inventories on a national basis for selected manufactured products. Government agencies, business firms, trade associations, and private research and consulting organizations use these data to make trade policy, production, and investment decisions.

For clearance purposes, the approximately 72 CIR surveys are divided into "waves." Each wave has an associated voluntary and mandatory clearance package, making 6 separate clearances. Each year, one wave (2 clearance packages) is submitted for review.

In this request, we are moving 3 CIR reports (Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; Steel Mill; and Computer and Office Equipment) from other waves into this wave because of changes in survey content and moving 3 others (Confectionery; Coin Operated Vending Machines; and Electric Lighting Fixtures) into this wave because of a change in reporting status. These 3 annual reports, normally conducted as voluntary, are being done on a mandatory basis this year in conjunction with the economic