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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, April 13, 2001, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. During this meeting we will continue discussion and provide advice on Dry Forest Strategy management implementation on the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability (NOFA).

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service announces a new grant program and the availability of grant funds under this program to finance the installation of new transmitters to extend the coverage of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio system (NOAA Weather Radio) in rural America. The President of the United States and the United States Congress have made \$5 million in grant funds available to facilitate the expansion of NOAA Weather Radio system coverage into rural areas that are not covered or are poorly covered at this time. This grant program will provide grant funds, on an expedited basis, for use in rural areas and communities of 50,000 or less inhabitants. Grant funds are available immediately and applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until the appropriation is used in its entirety. Upon full utilization of the \$5,000,000 appropriation, the Rural Utilities Service will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public accordingly.

**DATES:** Applications for grants will be accepted following publication of this notice and will be accepted until grants totaling \$5 million in appropriations have been made. Comments regarding the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act must be received on or before June 4, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the information collection requirements may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590, Telephone (202) 720-9554, Facsimile (202) 720-0810.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Information Collection and Recordkeeping Requirements

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), RUS invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These requirements have been approved by emergency clearance under OMB Control Number 0572-0124.

Comments on this notice must be received by June 4, 2001.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1522.

*Title:* Weather Radio Transmitter Grant Program.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078.

All responses to this information collection and recordkeeping notice will be summarized and included in the