

under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for review in June 2002. The EPA will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**. At that time, copies of the draft EIS will be distributed to interested and affected agencies, organizations, Tribes, and members of the public for their review and comment. It is very important that those interested in the management of the Okanogan-Wenatchee and Gifford Pinchot National Forests participate at that time.

The Forest Service believes it is important, at this early stage, to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS 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 connections. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS 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 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 EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specified as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. 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 final EIS is scheduled to be completed no later than September 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations and policies considered in making the decision regarding this proposal.

Sonny J. O'Neal, Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests, and Claire Lavendel, Forest Supervisor, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, are the responsible officials. As the responsible officials, they will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the record of decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulation (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: January 25, 2002.

**Sonny J. O'Neal**,

*Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Colville Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Colville Resource Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2002 at the Spokane Community College, Colville Campus Dominium Room at 985 S. Elm Street, Colville, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

Agenda items include: review, modify and approve minutes from January meeting; review, modify and approve RAC bylaws; review and evaluate sample project selection processes and choose a process for future use; review and discuss submitted projects and determine needs for further information or presentations; agenda for next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2002; RAC budget & expenses immediate needs for public communication; and Public Forum.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to designated federal official, Nora Rasure or Cynthia Reichelt, Public Affairs Officer, Colville National Forest,

765 S. Main, Colville, Washington 99114; (509) 684-7000.

Dated: February 7, 2002.

**Nora B. Rasure**,

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its next meeting on March 6, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center's conference room, 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Blyn, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and end at approximately 3:30 pm. Agenda topics are: Introductions; Approval of minutes of previous meeting; Bylaw update; Update on Title III Projects; Review and select process for applications; Presentation of project proposals; Selection of recommended projects and priorities; Public comments; and Identify next meeting date and location.

All Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, RAC Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: February 6, 2002.

**Dale Hom**,

*Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its second meeting.