45 days from the date the EPA notice appears in the **Federal Register**. It is important that those interested in this proposal on the Mt. Hood National Forest participate at that time.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available by September 1, 2002. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS.

The Reviewers Obligation to Comment

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 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 contentions. *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 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 45-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 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 specific 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.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

Gary L. Larsen,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on May 20, 2002, in Yreka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following topics: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Peg Boland's approval of recommended 2001 Proposals. Letters to successful proponents for 2001 projects. Schedule workshop with successful applicants to discuss administrative processes. Have 2001 applicants come in for presentations to encourage discussion about their proposals and their priorities. Funding projects for 2002—Choose from existing 52 proposals? Review of Rating Criteria for next fall 2003 proposal solicitations. Overhead and RAC Costs Discussion. Merchantable material in legislation directs 15% proposal to these products the first year. NEPA/CEQA compliance before funding.

DATES: The meetings will be held May 20, 2002 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Perry, Meeting Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097, (530) 841–4468; e-mail *hperry@fs.fed.us*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet Thursday, May 16, 2002, and Monday, June 10, 2002. Both meetings will be held at the Washington State University Puyallup Research and Extension Center, Allmendinger Center, 7612 E. Pioneer Way, Puyallup, WA 98371–4998.

Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 3 p.m. Agenda items to be covered at the May 16 meeting include: (1) Resource Advisory Committee Bylaws; (2) Title II project ranking criteria; and (3) Title II project evaluation. The June 10 meeting will focus primarily on Title II project evaluation.

All South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advises King and Pierce Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the Forest Supervisor for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Penny Sundblad, Management Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284 (360–856–5700, Extension 321).

Dated: April 26, 2002.

Lorette Ray,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Boise, ID; USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393) the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, May 15, 2002 in Boise, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.