

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maribeth Gustafson or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 870 Emerald Bay Road Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 573-2642.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Federal Interagency Partnership. Items to be covered on the agenda include: Lands and Budget Subcommittee reports, the Federal Partnership perspective the Partnership, Lake Tahoe August Congressional Event, update on the USFS Lake Tahoe Restoration Act projected list, USACE update on Lake Tahoe projects, the status of Lake Tahoe atmospheric deposition, and public comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

**Maribeth Gustafson,**  
*Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Notice of Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**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 Kootenai National Forests' Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, June 3, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in Libby, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** June 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 1101 U.S. Highway 2 West, Libby, MT.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Edgmon, Committee Coordinator at (406) 293-6211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics include reviewing project proposals and receiving public comment.

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**Bob Castaneda,**  
*Forest Supervisor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Clarification of Direction on Safety Priorities During Wildland Firefighting Activities and Procedures for Emergency Consultation under the Endangered Species Act**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of agency interim directives.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is issuing two interim directives to provide internal administrative direction to guide its employees during wildland firefighting activities. The interim directive issued to Forest Service Manual chapter FSM 5130, Wildland Fire Suppression, as ID number 5130-2002-1, clarifies existing direction to ensure that the safety of firefighters, other personnel, and the public is always the first priority in fire suppression. While this is already the current agency policy, the agency believes that the direction should be clarified and better stated. The interim directive issued to Forest Service Manual chapter FSM 2670, Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Plants and Animals, as ID number 2670-2002-1, clarifies and expands existing direction to facilitate emergency consultation under the Endangered Species Act. This interim directive makes clear that human safety is the highest priority for every emergency response action, and under no circumstances should an emergency response action be delayed in order to contact the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service for initiating emergency consultation or during an ongoing consultation. The agency will consider any comments received in the development of final directives.

**DATES:** The interim directives are effective May 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The interim directives are available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>. Single paper copies of the interim directives also are available for ID 5130-2002-1 by contacting Shelly

Steen, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705 (telephone 208-387-5100), and for ID 2670-2002-1 by contacting Tina Kingsberry, Forest Service, USDA, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants Staff, Stop Code 1121, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1121 (telephone 202-205-1205). Members of the public who wish to comment on the interim directives may mail their written comments in paper format to these addresses or send them electronically to [directivecomment@fs.fed.us](mailto:directivecomment@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shelly Steen (208-387-5100) or Tina Kingsberry (202-205-1205).

Dated: May 14, 2002.

**Sally Collins,**  
*Associate Chief.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Utilities Service****East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact in connection with a request from East River Electric Power Cooperative (EREPC) for assistance from RUS to finance the construction of an electrical substation, a short segment of 230kV transmission line, and a communication tower in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1414, Fax (202) 720-0820, e-mail [nislam@rus.usda.gov](mailto:nislam@rus.usda.gov). Information is also available from Mr. Ronald W. Golden, Land Agent, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., 121 Southeast First Street, Madison, South Dakota 5704, telephone (605) 256-4536, Fax (605) 256-8058, e-mail [rgolden@eastriver.coop](mailto:rgolden@eastriver.coop).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** East River Electric Power Cooperative (EREPC) proposes to construct an electrical substation, a short segment of 230 kV transmission line and a communication