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Done at Washington, DC, on October 20, 2003.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Northwest Forest Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), will meet on November 5, 2003, at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, Oregon 97232. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. In general, the purpose of the meeting is to continue committee discussions related to NWFP implementation. Meeting agenda items include, but are not limited to, a report from the Regional Interagency Executive Committee on potential NWFP implementation improvements, an overview of how the Federal budget process affects plan implementation, along with other progress reports (such as updates on the Survey and Manage and the Aquatic Conservation Strategy supplemental environmental impact statements). The meeting is open to the public and fully accessible for people with disabilities. A 15-minute time slot is reserved for public comments at 10:15 a.m. Interpreters are available upon request at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted for the meeting record. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Kath Collier, Management Analyst, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW First Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2165).

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Anne Badgley,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Nov. 14, 2003, at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North

Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998, (64 FR 2876) is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held Nov. 14, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA.

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) 543-2642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committee. Items to be covered on the agenda include: Welcome Introductions & Review of Agenda, Federal Transportation Administration participation discussion, Role of LTFAC With the SNPLMA, USACE Tahoe Framework Implementation Study Update, TIIMS Prototype Rollout Presentation, Logistics/Review, 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: October 20, 2003.

Mary Morgan,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Clovis, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and to recommend

project proposals for FY2004 funds regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) for expenditure of Payments to States Fresno County Title II funds.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 18, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sierra National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, California 93612. Send written comments to Rick Larson, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to relarson@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Larson, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355, ext. 3319.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Public sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by November 18, 2003 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Call for new projects; (2) Status report from project recipients; and (3) Public comment.

Dated: October 20, 2003.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

McNally Fire Restoration Projects

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sequoia National Forest will host a field trip on Saturday, November 22, 2003, to visit the McNally Fire/Sherman Pass Restoration (Sherman Pass) and McNally Fire Roadless Restoration (Roadless) Projects. The purpose of the meeting is to aid the participants in the review and understanding of the two projects through on-the-ground discussions. Both of these projects are expected to

have Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) available for public review and comment sometime in November. We will travel to several key locations that will focus attention on the Sherman Pass and Roadless DEISs, proposed actions, and environmental effects.

DATES: The meeting will be held Saturday, November 22, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pacific daylight time.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public should meet at the Cannell Meadow Ranger District Office, 105 Whitney, Kernville, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive further information, contact Cindy Thill, (760) 376-3781, extension 625.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sherman Pass project involves the areas with roads in them on the Kern Plateau. Of particular interest is the approximately 4,900 acres of conifer stands severely damaged or destroyed by the fire. The analysis area is over 20,000 acres.

The Roadless project involves inventoried roadless areas outside of the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Again, of particular interest is the approximately 11,000 acres of conifer stands severely damaged or destroyed by fire. The analysis area is over 60,000 acres.

The meeting is open to the public. If you are planning to attend, please contact Cindy Thill at the Cannell Meadow Ranger District by November 17. Some transportation will be available, but we will also rely on participants to provide assistance in transporting people in the sites. Please bring your own lunch and wear appropriate field clothing. The meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need accommodations, please contact Cindy Thill at the number provided.

Dated: October 20, 2003.

Arthur L. Gaffrey,

Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Interim Direction for Processing Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Proposals on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive to guide its employees in processing proposals for interstate natural gas pipeline projects. This interim directive is designed to supplement existing direction in the Forest Service Manual chapter 2720, consistent with a May 2002 interagency agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The agreement establishes procedures for responding to and processing applications for interstate natural gas pipeline projects when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be the lead agency in conducting the required environmental and historic preservation reviews.

DATES: This interim directive is effective October 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: This interim directive (ID 2720-2003-2) is 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 ID are also available by contacting Melissa Hearst, Lands Staff (Mail Stop 1124), Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1124 (telephone 202-205-1196).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Hearst, Lands Staff (202-205-1196).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is issuing an interim directive (ID) to Forest Service Manual (FSM) chapter 2720 to guide its employees in the streamlining of proposal and application procedures for interstate natural gas pipelines certified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and adopted in a May 2002 agreement between the FERC, the Department of Agriculture, and other Federal agencies.

The May 2002 agreement entitled "Interagency Agreement on Early Coordination of Required Environmental and Historic Preservation Reviews Conducted in Conjunction with the Issuance of Authorizations to Construct and Operate Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines Certificated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission" eliminates overlapping and duplicative environmental processes required by the numerous Federal agencies having jurisdiction in the permitting of interstate natural gas pipeline projects. Minimizing the duplication and overlap of procedures shortens the cumulative processing time for evaluating applications and making decisions on these projects. The ID to FSM 2720 provides Forest Service field officers with specific procedures to ensure that