

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CA 668-03-1040-DP-083A]****Monument Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; United States Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Cancellation of the December 2003 meeting and notice of meetings for 2004.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) announce the cancellation of the December 6th, 2003 meeting for the Advisory Committee to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (hereinafter referred to as the National Monument). At the October 4th, 2003 the Advisory Committee to the National Monument voted unanimously to cancel the December 6th, 2003 meeting.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) also announce the schedule of meetings for 2004 for the Advisory Committee to the National Monument. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 7th, 2004.
- Saturday, June 5th, 2004.
- Saturday, October 2nd, 2004.

Meetings will be held at the Palm Desert City Hall Council Chambers, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California, 92260, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until the agenda items are completed. There will be an hour dedicated to public input from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. A sign up sheet will be located at the meeting room on the day of the meeting. Speakers wishing to comment publicly should sign the public comment sign-in sheet provided at the location of the meetings. All committee meetings, including field examinations, will be open to the general public, including representatives of the news media. Any organization, association, or individual may file a statement with or appear before the committee and its subcommittees regarding topics on a meeting agenda—except that the chairperson or the designated federal official may require written comments to the Advisory Committee. The meetings will have agendas developed and available to the public prior to the meeting date. The agendas for each

meeting will be located on the Bureau of Land Management web page for the National Monument (<http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/>). The 2004 meetings will focus on the implementation of the National Monument Management Plan and other actions affecting the National Monument.

The Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) is a committee of citizens appointed to provide advice to the BLM and USFS with respect to preparation and implementation of the management plan for the National Monument as required in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 431nt). The act authorized establishment of the MAC with representative members from State and local jurisdictions, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, a natural science expert, local conservation organization, local developer or building organization, the Winter Park Authority and a representative from the Pinyon Community Council.

The meetings will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretations or other reasonable accommodations should notify the contact person listed below in advance of the meeting. Persons wishing to make statements will need to sign up at the meeting location.

DATES: February 7, 2004; June 5, 2004; and October 2, 2004. All meetings will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a morning public comment period from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meetings may end prior to 4 p.m. if all agenda items are completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Palm Desert City Hall, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California, 92260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments should be sent to Miss Danella George, Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258; or by fax at (760) 251-4899 or by e-mail at dgeorge@ca.blm.gov. Information can be found on our Web page: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/>. Documents pertinent to this notice, including comments with the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office located at 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, California, during regular business hours 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was established by act of Congress and signed into law on October 24, 2000. The National Monument was established in order to preserve the nationally significant biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational and scientific values found in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. This legislation established the first monument to be jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 affects only Federal lands and Federal interests located within the established boundaries.

The 272,000 acre Monument encompasses 86,400 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands, 64,400 acres of Forest Service lands, 23,000 acres of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians lands, 8,500 acres of California Department of Parks and Recreation lands, 35,800 acres of other State of California agencies lands, and 53,900 acres of private land. The BLM and the Forest Service jointly manage Federal lands in the National Monument in coordination with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, other federal agencies, state agencies and local governments.

On October 24, 2003 the Proposed Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the National Monument was released to the public. The Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be signed in January 2004.

Dated: November 26, 2003.

Danella George,
National Monument Manager.

Melissa Barstow,
Community Planner, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our intention to request a three year extension and revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act. This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by February 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov. Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604, or fax to (202) 690-2755. All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181-229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Title: Packers and Stockyards Programs Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 0580-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The P&S Act and the regulations under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and to conduct studies as requested by Congress. The information is needed for GIPSA to carry out its responsibilities under the P&S Act. The information is necessary to monitor and examine financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing, and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning our information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.5 hours per response.

Respondents (Affected Public): Livestock auction markets, livestock

dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,950.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 304,106 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tess Butler; see **ADDRESSES** section for contact information.

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), we specifically request comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden on 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to

request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Annan, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5170 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-8818. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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: Richard C. Annan, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, Room 5170 South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Fax: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Broadband Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0127.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. To further this objective, RUS provides financial assistance in the form of grant to eligible entities that propose, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, to provide broadband transmission service that fosters