

2005. This adjustment will have the following effects:

1. The new rule redefines forest plans to be more strategic and flexible to better facilitate adaptive management and public collaboration.

2. The new rule focuses more on the goals of ecological, social, and economic sustainability and less on prescriptive means of producing goods and services.

3. The Responsible Official who will approve the final plan will now be the Forest Supervisor instead of the Regional Forester.

4. The Colville National Forest and the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests will establish an environmental management system (per ISO 14001:2004(E)) prior to completion of the revised forest plan.

5. Upon completion of final rulemaking, the planning and decision-making process may be categorically excluded from analysis and documentation in an environmental impact statement and record of decision (see draft rule at **Federal Register** Vol. 70, No. 3, January 5, 2005, p. 1062).

6. The emphasis on public involvement will shift from public comment on a range of alternative plans, to a collaborative process intended to yield a single, broadly supported plan.

7. Administrative review has changed from a post-decision appeals process to a pre-decision objection process.

**DATES:** Transition to the 2005 Planning Rule is effective immediately upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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*Responsible Officials:* James L. Boynton, Forest Supervisor, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801 and Rick Brazell, Colville National Forest, 765 South Main, Colville, WA 99114.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Responsible Officials (Forest Supervisors) of the Colville National Forest and the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests have elected to transition the previously initiated Land and Resource Management Plan (Plan) Revisions so that they fall under the requirements of the 2005 Planning Rule. The Plan Revision will be conducted in

accordance with all Forest Service directive applicable to the 2005 Planning Rule.

All three proclaimed units (Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee) have their own current Plan. As part of the Revision Process, the Responsible Officials will revise all three Plans. Revised Forest Plans are expected to be approved in September 2006.

The public will be invited to collaborate during the development of each revised Plan. Options for the public include any of the following methods: (1) Reviewing and commenting on the materials posted on our Web site, (2) attending open house meetings, (3) requesting planning team presentations to specific groups, (4) newsletters, (5) participating in collaborative dialogue in working groups, or (6) providing input during formal comment periods. Public participation and collaborative work on this planning process has occurred since January 2003. This and other planning process details are available for review on the Web site.

Dated: November 3, 2005.

**James L. Boynton,**

*Forest Supervisor, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.*

Dated: October 27, 2005.

**Rick Brazell,**

*Forest Supervisor, Colville National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Tri-County Advisory Committee Meetings

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**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 Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, December 1, 2005, and on Thursday, January 12, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Deer Lodge, Montana, for business meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 1, 2005 and Thursday, January 12, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the USDA Service Center, 1002 Hollenback Road, Deer Lodge, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Ramsey, Designated Forest

Official (DFO), Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics for these meetings include a review of projects proposed for funding as authorized under Title II of Pub. L. 106-393, and public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including The Montana Standard.

Dated: November 4, 2005.

**Bruce Ramsey,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, California, USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meetings on November 16th and 17th will begin at 8 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. These meetings will be dedicated to hearing presentations from project proponents on Wednesday and voting on Thursday for funding through the "Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000," commonly known as Payments to States. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Andrews, District Ranger, Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or Public Affairs Officer, Heidi Perry, at (530) 252-6604.

**Laurie Tippin,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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