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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Presentation of Project Proposals/Voting on Proposals, (5) (6) Chairman's Perspective, (7) General Discussion, (8) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 10, 2006 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Tricia Christofferson, Acting DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

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 matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written request by August 8, 2006 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Tricia Christofferson,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, August 16, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Valley County Courthouse, 219 North Main Street, Cascade, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochmour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgochnour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Lana S. Thurston,

Administrative Officer, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program Share Recomputation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy directive; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service proposes to remove structural change recomputation direction contained in Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook (FSH) 2409.18 (applicable in Forest Service Regions 1 through 6 only) as one of the means of recomputing timber sale set-aside market share allocation to small business mills within a market area. This change is needed to make the recomputation process as accurate as possible by making market shares more reflective of current market conditions, in terms of volume and business capacity, as well as to simplify the process by which market share is determined. The direction on scheduled

recomputation of market shares and special recomputations would be retained. Additionally, the Forest Service is proposing to include volumes sold or disposed of via stewardship contracting (Integrated Resource Contract, 2400-13 & 13T) in the volumes used to calculate market shares pursuant to the small business timber sale set-aside program.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The full text of FSH 2409.18, chapter 90 is available electronically on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Fitzgerald, Assistant Director, Forest Management Staff, by telephone at (202) 205-1753 or by Internet at rfitzgerald@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Developed in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, the Forest Service Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program is designed to ensure that qualifying small business timber purchasers have the opportunity to purchase a fair proportion of National Forest System timber offered for sale. The current Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program was adopted July 26, 1990 (55 FR 30485). Direction that guides Forest Service employees in administering the Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program is issued in the Forest Service Manual (FSM), Chapter 2430, and in Chapter 90 of the Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook (FSH 2409.18).

According to the guidelines of the set-aside program, the Forest Service recomputes the shares of timber sales to be set aside for bidding by qualifying small businesses every 5 years. The share percentage is based on the actual volume of sawtimber that has been purchased and/or harvested by small businesses during a 5-year period. In addition to the 5-year scheduled recomputation requirement, in Forest Service Regions 1 through 6, small business shares currently must be recomputed whenever a structural change occurs (see FSH 2409.18, chapter 90, section 91.22).

Structural change (*applicable to Regions 1 through 6 only*) is defined at FSH 2409.18, chapter 90, section 90.5, paragraph 8b as a change that "may occur during a recomputation period when a small or large business firm that purchased at least 10 percent of the total sawlog volume during the last recomputation period discontinues operations or changes its size status