

800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), the Agency is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform Agency decision making in Section 106 review. Any party wishing to participate more directly with the Agency as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to do so to the Agency contact at the above address.

Using information from the Alternatives Report and considering input provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, RUS and Oglethorpe, in consultation with the cooperating agencies, will determine the scope of the EIS. Notices announcing the availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers.

Any final action by the Agency related to the proposal will be subject to, contingent upon, and in compliance with environmental review requirements will be conducted as prescribed by the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: June 12, 2009.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, July 23, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 23, 2009 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Room (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or

electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator
Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District,
Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 3, 2009.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

AGENCY: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee, Custer, South Dakota, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Law 92-463) and Public Law 110-343, enacted on October 3, 2008, reauthorizing and amending the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Black Hills National Forest Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in Custer, South Dakota. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting on June 24, 2009 will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office at 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, South Dakota. Agenda topics will be Project status update and general business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Kolund, Hell Canyon District Ranger and Designated Federal Official, at 605-673-4853.

Lynn Kolund,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plan Revision for the Kootenai National Forest, Montana and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of adjustment for resuming the land management plan revision process.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service is resuming preparation of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests revised land management plans as directed by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests comprise the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone (KIPZ). Preparation of the revised plan was halted when the 2005 Forest Service planning rule was enjoined. A new planning rule (36 CFR part 219) took effect on April 21, 2008, allowing the planning process to be resumed. This notice marks the resumption of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests plan revision process under the new planning rule.

ADDRESSES: Information on this revision is available at Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests revision Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Clark, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone (KIPZ), 83815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815, (208) 765-7417 or laclark@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notification of adjustment of plan revision process for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests planning zone (KIPZ) land management plan was provided in the **Federal Register**, 70 FR 28901, May 19, 2005. The plan revision was initiated under the planning procedures contained in the 2005 Forest Service planning rule (36 CFR part 219 (2005)). On March 30, 2007, the Federal district court for the Northern District of California enjoined the Department from implementing and using the 2005 planning rule until the Agency complied with the court's order regarding the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act (*Citizens for Better Forestry v. USDA*,

481 F. Supp. 2d 1059 (N.D. Cal. 2007)). Revision of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests land management plans under the (36 CFR part 219 (2005)) rule was suspended in response to the injunction. On April 21, 2008, following a notice and comment opportunity, completion of an environmental impact statement and consultation under the Endangered Species Act, the Department of Agriculture promulgated a new planning rule (36 CFR part 219 (2008)). This new planning rule explicitly allows the resumption of plan revisions started under the 2005 rule based on a finding that the revision process conforms to the new planning rule (36 CFR 219.14(b)(3)(ii)).

In May 2006, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests prepared and released a Proposed Land Management Plan with maps for a 90-day comment period (extended to 120 days). Supporting documentation such as a draft Comprehensive Evaluation Report and Analysis of Management Situation were also made available to the public. The development and content of those documents and plan components are consistent with the 2008 planning rule. Beginning in May 2005, and prior to injunction of the 2005 planning rule, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests implemented four major phases of public involvement: (1) Scoping; (2) collaborative workgroup meetings to develop desired conditions and other components of the Plan; (3) collaborative workgroup meetings to discuss Starting Option maps; and (4) the release of the Proposed Plan maps. Since release of the Proposed Land Management Plan and the conclusion of the public comment period, the Analysis of Public Comment report was produced in March 2007, and posted on the KIPZ Web site. This report is a synthesis and summary of the comments and concerns that were brought up during the comment period on the Proposed Land Management Plans. Results from collaboration will be used as the revision process resumes. The remainder of the revision process will be conducted in accordance with all Forest Service directives applicable to the 2008 planning rule.

Based on the discussions above, we find that the planning actions taken prior to April 21, 2008, the effective date of the new planning rule, conform to the planning process of the 2008 planning rule and for that reason the plan revision process does not need to be restarted. Therefore, the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests are resuming their plan revision process

where we left off in March 2007, by using information received during the public comment period and collaborative efforts on the Proposed Land Management Plan to develop our final plans.

Dated: June 11, 2009.

Paul Bradford,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Coronado National Forest; Arizona; Revised Land and Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiation to revise the Coronado National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is revising the Coronado National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Forest Plan). This notice describes the documents available for review and how to obtain them; summarizes the need to change the Forest Plan; provides information concerning public participation and collaboration, including the process for submitting comments; provides an estimated schedule for the planning process, including the time available for comments; and includes names and addresses for agency officials who can provide additional information.

DATES: Revision formally begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. To be most beneficial to the planning process, your comments on the need for change should be submitted by August 31, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Coronado National Forest, Attention: Forest Plan Revision Team, 300 W Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701. E-mail: coronado-plan@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Ruyle at (520) 388-8300 or e-mail the plan revision team at: coronado-plan@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Documents Available for Review

The Comprehensive Evaluation Report, the Ecological Sustainability Report, and the Social and Economic Sustainability Report are the Forest Plan revision analysis documents that provide evaluations of social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends in and around the Coronado National

Forest. The information outlined in the Comprehensive Evaluation Report identifies the need to change or revise the 1986 Forest Plan. These documents are available for review and are located on the Forest's Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/plan-revision/plan-revision-documents.shtml> or by request.

Need for Change

The need for change has been organized into five revision topics: 1. Ecosystem Restoration, 2. Safety and Information, 3. Public Access and Travel Patterns, 4. Preservation of Open Space, and 5. Collaboration and Partnerships. For each of the revision topics, there is a need for the revised Forest Plan to make changes in plan components and management approaches, as described below:

1. Ecosystem Restoration
 - Needed changes in plan components:
 - Desired condition statements and objectives need to be developed that provide adequate guidance for sustaining and restoring ecosystems.
 - Plan components should be changed to reflect new scientific knowledge and updated language.
 - The Forest Plan components for ecological attributes should be integrative, where possible, to reflect the interconnectedness between physical and biological resources.
 - The Forest Plan needs to be changed to include objectives and guidelines that reflect systematic observation and analysis of treatment results, and adaptation of treatment methods based on those results.
 - As Forest Plan components are developed, they will need to reflect the uncertainties associated with changing climate.
 - Plan components for reducing the threat of invasive species and for conserving native species will need to be developed.
 - Plan components will need to be developed for sustaining aquatic habitats that are at risk.
 - Place-based geographic area plan components should be developed where it makes sense to do so. This will help to facilitate understanding of the management needs for each mountain range.
2. Safety and Information
 - Needed changes in plan components:
 - The Forest Plan needs to be changed to identify new strategies for sustaining the forest resources and experiences in the face of changes in population, behavior, and increased development.
 - Place-based geographic area plan components should be developed where it makes sense to do so.