DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Notice of Idaho Panhandle 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 (Public Law 110–343) the Idaho Panhandle National Forest’s Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, February 19, 2010, at 9 a.m. in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho for a business meeting. The public forum will focus on reviewing proposals for forest projects and recommendations for future planning decisions. The business meeting is open to the public.


ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Idaho Panhandle National Forest’s Supervisor’s Office, located at 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ranotta K. McNair, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official, at (208) 765–7309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will focus on reviewing proposals for forest projects and recommending funding during the business meeting. The public forum begins at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Confederated Tribes and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee meeting will on March 9, 2010 at the Sunnyslope Fire Station, 206 Easy Street, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Restoration Strategy, Wilderness Society North Cascade Proposal, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service update on the justification to not list the Pika as a threatened and endangered species. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.


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Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest, Supplemental Information Report—Air Resources

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability—supplemental information report.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service announces the availability of an additional information report to the Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide additional analysis and disclosure on the effects of the proposed action on air resources and climate change and to provide the opportunity for public comment on the additional information.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the FS must receive written comments on the Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Dixie National Forest, Supplemental Information Report—Air Resources within 30 days following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register. Comments regarding the SIR should be directed to the issues of air resources and climate change and are for additional analysis purposes only. All public comments submitted by December 15, 2008 on the DEIS are still applicable and have been reviewed by the Forest. You must have commented during the 60-day DEIS comment period to be eligible to appeal the upcoming decision.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Air Resources—Supplemental Information Report by any of the following methods:

• E-mail: dixie_oil_gas_eis_comments@fs.fed.us (e-mail comments must be in MS Word [* .doc] or rich text format [* .rtf]).
• Fax: (435) 865–3791.
• Mail: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Oil and Gas Leasing Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

CDs containing the SIR are available upon request to Susan Baughman, EIS Project Manager, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721; 435–865–3703.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Baughman, Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Oil and Gas Leasing Project Leader, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announces the availability of the Supplemental Information Report (SIR) for the Dixie National Forest (Forest) Oil & Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS for this project was issued for public comment on October 17, 2008. During the 60-day comment period a number of comments were received relative to the impact analysis for air resources. In their comments, the Environmental Protection Agency requested that a more rigorous air-quality modeling study be completed for inclusion in the Final EIS. They recommended that this study use different air emission factors for the subject facilities-based emission limitations, which would become effective in the future. This revised modeling was conducted in collaboration with the EPA and the Utah Division of Air Quality and the report on this modeling was revised and is hereby being made available for public review.

In January 2009, the U.S. Forest Service issued guidance on including climate change in the environmental analyses for future planning decisions. In accordance with this direction and in response to public comment, the Forest has prepared a new appendix to the EIS that considers the effects of the proposed oil and gas leasing on climate change and the effects of climate change.