DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Advisory Committee Meeting To Be Held Authorized Under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, Public Law 110–343

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting (Publish prior to August 9, 2010).

SUMMARY: On August 9, 2010, the U.S. Forest Service will host the first meeting of the Federally designated Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The public is invited to attend the meeting and provide input. A Secure Rural Schools RAC provides advice and recommendations to the Forest Service on the development and implementation of special projects as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, Public Law 110–343.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 9, 2010 from 1:15–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is U.S. Forest Service, 325 John Knox Road, Suite F–100, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Rains, Public Services Staff Officer, 850–523–8568, e-mail drains@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Florida’s RAC consists of 15 people selected to serve on the committee by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. Members are from throughout the State and represent varied interests and areas of expertise. They will work collaboratively to improve working relationships among community members and national forest personnel.

Five Florida counties, Liberty, Wakulla, Columbia, Baker and Marion, elected to set aside a percentage of their Secure Rural Schools payment. Counties receive a payment annually for having National Forest lands within their boundaries. The RAC will ultimately review and recommend projects to be funded from this money. Projects approved must benefit National Forest lands. Projects can maintain infrastructure, improve the health of watersheds and ecosystems, protect communities, and strengthen local economies.

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Notice of Request for Nominations to the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture intends to reestablish the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) and requests nominations for qualified persons to serve as members.

DATES: Nominations must be received in writing by September 16, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions, comments, and nomination package should be sent to Jeff Schmidt, Acting Designated Federal Official. Mr. Schmidt may be contacted at the Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 420 South State Road 7, Suite 160, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33414; telephone: (561) 242–5520 x3748; fax: (561) 792–2821; e-mail: jeff.schmidt@fl.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AAQTF Purpose

As required by Section 391 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will establish a task force to review research that addresses air quality issues related to agriculture or agriculture infrastructure. The task force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on development and implementation of air quality policy and on air quality research needs. The requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act apply to this task force.

The task force will:

1. Review research on agricultural air quality supported by Federal agencies;
2. Provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding air quality and its relation to agriculture based upon sound scientific findings;
3. Work to ensure inter-governmental (Federal, State, and local) coordination.


Tori Cleeland, Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ontonagon, Michigan. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 31, 2010, and will begin at 4 p.m. (EST)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ontonagon County Courthouse, 725 Greenland Road, Ontonagon, Michigan. Written comments should be sent to Lisa Klaus, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to lklaus@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 906–932–0122.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Klaus, RAC coordinator, USDA, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI, (906) 932–1330, ext. 328; e-mail lklaus@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted:

1. Introductions of all committee members, replacement members and Forest Service personnel.
2. Selection of a chairperson by the committee members.
3. Receive materials explaining the process for considering and recommending Title II projects; and
4. Public comment. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.


Susan J. Spear, Designated Federal Officer.