Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Director’s Office, 1520 E 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620–9601, will be jointly responsible for the EIS. These two officials will make decisions regarding this proposal after considering comments and responses pertaining to environmental consequences discussed in the final EIS and all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decisions of a selected alternative, permits, licenses, approvals, and rationale will be documented in a joint Record of Decisions.

Dated: April 7, 2011.
Maggie Pittman,
Acting Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings are open to the public. The following business will be conducted: establishing goals and objectives for the committee, discussing timelines and procedures, and a broad discussion on project proposals. 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.

Dated: April 7, 2011.
Craig Bobzien,
Forest Supervisor.

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Dated: April 7, 2011.
Craig Bobzien,
Forest Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee
AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.
SUMMARY: The Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee at that time.

Dated: April 7, 2011.
Jeanne M. Higgins,
Forest Supervisor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert J. Thompson, District Ranger, Mystic Ranger District, 605–343–1567. 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 Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

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Dated: April 7, 2011.
Craig Bobzien,
Forest Supervisor.

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Dated: April 7, 2011.
Craig Bobzien,
Forest Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Elko County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)
AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.
SUMMARY: The Elko County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its first meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, April 29th, 2011 and will begin at 10 a.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The meeting will be held in the Forest Service office at 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko, NV 89801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Doug Clarke, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District, 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko, NV 89801 (775) 778–6127; e-mail: dclarke@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items include: (1) Remarks by Forest Supervisor and Mountain City District Ranger; (2) Review of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; (3) Role of RAC committee members; (4) Selection of RAC Committee Chairman; (5) Overview of project selection process; and (6) Public Comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 8, 2011.
Jeanne M. Higgins,
Forest Supervisor.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Energy for America Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the acceptance of applications for funds available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for Fiscal Year 2011 for financial assistance as follows: grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grants and guaranteed loans for the development and construction of renewable energy systems and for energy efficiency improvement projects; grants for conducting energy audits; grants for conducting renewable energy development assistance; and grants for conducting renewable energy system feasibility studies. The Notice also announces the availability of $70 million of Fiscal Year 2011 budget authority to fund these REAP activities, which will support at least $42 million in grant program level and up to $61 million in guaranteed loan program level. If additional funding becomes available by a Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Act, a subsequent NOFA will be published in the Federal Register.

DATES: In order to be considered for Fiscal Year 2011 funds, complete applications under this Notice must be received by the appropriate USDA Rural Development State Office no later than 4:30 p.m. local time of the dates as follows:

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications: June 15, 2011.

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications: June 15, 2011.

For renewable energy system feasibility study applications: June 30, 2011.

For energy audits and renewable energy development assistance applications: June 30, 2011.

ADDRESS: See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for addresses concerning applications for the Rural Energy for America Program for Fiscal Year 2011 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this Notice, please contact Mr. Kelley Oehler, Branch Chief, USDA Rural Development, Energy Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720–6819. E-mail: kelley.oehler@wdc.usda.gov.

For further information on this program, please contact the applicable USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator for your respective State, as provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Fiscal Year 2011 Applications for the Rural Energy for America Program

Applications. Application materials may be obtained by contacting one of Rural Development’s Energy Coordinators. In addition, for grant applications, applicants may access the electronic grant application for the Rural Energy for America Program at http://www.Grants.gov. To locate the downloadable application package for this program, the applicant must use the program’s Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 10.868 or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at http://www.Grants.gov.

Application submittal. For renewable energy system, energy efficiency improvement, and feasibility study applications, submit complete paper applications to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant’s proposed project is located. For energy audit and renewable energy development assistance applications, submit complete paper applications to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant’s principal office is located. Submit electronic grant only applications at http://www.grants.gov, following the instructions found on this Web site.

Rural Development Energy Coordinators

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.

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Connecticut (see Massachusetts)

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Federated States of Micronesia (See Hawaii)

Florida/Virgin Islands

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Guam (See Hawaii)

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