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 will meet in Rapid City, SD. 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 of the meeting is to receive, review and make recommendations for approval of project proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 26, 2011, at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mystic Ranger District Office at 8221 South Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to rjthompson@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 605–343–7134.

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 the Mystic Ranger District office. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 605–343–1567 to facilitate entry into the building.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings are open to the public. The following business will be conducted: receive, review and make recommendations for approval of project proposals.

Persons who wish to bring project proposals and/or other matters to the attention of the Committee may submit written proposals to the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: June 30, 2011.

Craig Bobzien,
Forest Supervisor.

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Forest Service

Hiawatha West Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hiawatha West Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Rapid River, 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 second meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 21, 2011, and will begin at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Masonville Township Offices, 10574 North Main Street, Rapid River, MI 49878. Written comments should be sent to Janel Crooks, Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49878. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to jmcrooks@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review of proposed projects; (2) Vote to recommend projects if appropriate. 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.

Dated: June 30, 2011.

Mary B. Maercklein,
NEPA Team Leader.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lyon-Mineral Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lyon-Mineral Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Hawthorne, NV. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals that were submitted by the June 3, 2011 deadline and vote to determine which projects will be recommended for funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janel Crooks, RAC coordinator, USDA, Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, Michigan 49862; (906) 786–4062; E-mail jmcrooks@fs.fed.us.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Grant Program Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the availability of $2,173,662 in grant funds to be competitively awarded for the Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program for fiscal year 2011 (FY 2011). RUS will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for homeowners to borrow up to $11,000 to construct or repair household water wells for an existing home. The HWWS Grant Program regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 1776.

DATES: The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is August 10, 2011. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be postmarked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration.

ADDRESS: Submit applications to the following address:


Obtain application guidelines and materials for the HWWS Grant Program electronically or in paper format from the following addresses:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cheryl Francis, Community Programs Specialist, Water Programs Division, Water and Environmental Programs. Telephone: (202) 720–1937, fax: (202) 690–0649, e-mail: cheryl.francis@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Funding Opportunity

A. Program Description

The HWWS Grant Program has been established to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926e. The CONACT authorizes the RUS to make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells.

As the grant recipients, private non-profit organizations will receive HWWS grants to establish lending programs that will provide water well loans to individuals. The individuals, as loan recipients, may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems. A loan may not exceed $11,000 and will have a term up to 20 years at a one percent annual interest rate.

B. Background

The RUS supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. The RUS