SUMMARY:
The public meeting will be held on

DATES: The meeting will be held on

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger District Office, E23979 US 2 East (Corner of US 2 and HWY 45), Watersmeet, MI.

Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information listed below. 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 Ottawa National Forest Supervisor’s Office, E6248 US HWY 2, Ironwood, MI. Please call ahead to 906–932–1330 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Klaus, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Ottawa National Forest Headquarters, E6248 US HWY 2, Ironwood, MI. Please call ahead to 906–932–1330 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

The purpose of the meeting is to review progress made on previously approved projects and prioritize future work.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. (CST).

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger District Office, E23979 US 2 East (Corner of US 2 and HWY 45), Watersmeet, MI.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Kenton, Michigan on the dates listed below. The Committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act) (Pub. L. 92–463). The RAC’s purposes are 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.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. (EST).

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Kenton Ranger District Office, 4810 E. M. 28, Kenton, Michigan.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Klaus, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Ottawa National Forest Headquarters, E6248 US HWY 2, Ironwood, MI.
Abstract: The provision of broadband service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. To further this objective, RUS provides financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible entities that propose, on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis, to provide broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services to extremely rural, lower income communities. The Agency gives priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband services. Grant authority is utilized to deploy broadband infrastructure to extremely rural, lower income communities on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis. The “community-oriented connectivity” concept integrates the deployment of broadband infrastructure with the practical, everyday uses and applications of the facilities. This broadband access is intended to promote economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities. The Agency provides financial assistance to eligible entities that are proposing to deploy broadband service in rural communities where such service does not currently exist and who will connect the critical community facilities including the local schools, libraries, hospitals, police, fire and rescue services and who will operate a community center that provides free and open access to residents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 130.11 hours per response.

Respondents: Public bodies, commercial companies, cooperatives, nonprofits, Indian tribes, and limited dividend or mutual associations and must be incorporated or a limited liability company.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.23.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,442.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250–1522. FAX: (202) 720–8435. Email: michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 1, 2013.

John Charles Padalino, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.