

Dated: October 31, 2005.

Sam J. Wilbanks,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Sanders County 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 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests' Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on November 17 at 7 p.m. in Thompson Falls, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: November 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Thompson Falls Courthouse, 1111 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Hojem, Designated Federal Official (DFO), District Ranger, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 826-3821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics include reviewing progress on current RAC projects, and receiving public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Clark Fork Valley Press, and Sanders County Ledger.

Dated: November 1, 2005.

Randy Hojem,

DFO, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATES: December 1, 2005.

Time And Location: 9 a.m., Alaska Standard Time, by teleconference. For how to participate, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on December 1, 2005. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southeast Regional Advisory Council will meet by teleconference on December 1, 2005, for the purpose of reviewing and providing recommendations on proposals submitted to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, conferring on subsistence wildlife proposals, and discussing other matters affecting subsistence users in Southeast Alaska. This meeting is open to the public to provide testimony. To participate, call toll free, 1-800-369-1643. The Teleconference Leader is Mr. Bob Schroeder and the Passcode is 21119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management issues on National Forest Service lands, contact Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone (907) 786-3592.

Dated: October 21, 2005.

Thomas H. Boyd,

Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

Dated: October 20, 2005.

Steve Kessler,

Subsistence Program Leader, USDA-Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental

impact statement (EIS) in connection with possible impacts related to a project being proposed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin Electric), of Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposal consists of the construction and operation of a coal-fired electric generation facility referred to as the Dry Fork Station, consisting of a single maximum net 385 Megawatt (MW) unit, at a site in Gillette, Wyoming, and the construction of 130 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Campbell and Sheridan counties, referred to as the Hughes Transmission Project.

DATES: RUS will conduct the two public scoping meetings in an open-house format on December 6, 2005, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 1809 Sugarland Drive, Sheridan, Wyoming, and on December 7, 2005, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Clarion Western Plaza, 2009 S. Douglas Highway, Gillette, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Fristik, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 1571, Washington DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-5093 or e-mail: richard.fristik@wdc.usda.gov, or Jim K. Miller, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503-0564, telephone: (701) 223-0441 or e-mail: jkmiller@bepc.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Basin Electric proposes to construct and operate a (maximum net rating) 385 MW (422 MW maximum gross) base load coal-fired power plant and transmission line interconnection near Gillette, Wyoming. Basin Electric proposes to construct a facility in this area due to the proximity of the fuel source in the Powder River Basin (PRB) and delivery of the power to its membership. Basin Electric is requesting RUS to provide financing for the proposed project.

The transmission line would consist of approximately 130 miles of 230kV transmission line that will connect the Hughes Substation east of Gillette, Wyoming, to the Carr Draw Substation west of Gillette and a proposed substation northeast of Sheridan, Wyoming. The proposed schedule developed by Basin Electric would place the transmission line in operation by the end of 2008, while the generating facility would be commercially operational by 2011.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, purchased power, load management, renewable energy sources, distributed generation, and