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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Coordinated Resource Offering Protocol (CROP) Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coordinated Resource Offering Protocol (CROP) participants will meet in Salt Lake City, UT, from July 17–19, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is to engage participants on CROP information gathered, analyzed, and used. The meeting will include a public input session from July 17, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. through July 19, until 3 p.m.

DATES: The Salt Lake City, UT meeting will be held from July 17–19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The July 17–19 meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel (downtown), 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, UT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund A. Gee, National Woody Biomass Utilization Team Leader, 202–205–1787 or via e-mail at eagee@fs.fed.us. 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: Under Title II of Sections 201–203 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–148) provides the authority to obtain information that will help overcome barriers to the production and use of biomass and help communities and businesses create economic opportunity through sustainable use of the Nation's forest resources. CROP is a new biomass removal model employed on 10 pilot biomass projects across the United States. The projects incorporate proposed 5-year removal data from 36 national forests, 105 ranger districts, 41

BLM districts, and multiple natural resource agencies located in 15 states across the United States. CROP is intended to:

- Coordinate and levelize sustainable removals of biomass between public agencies in each CROP landscape;
- Facilitate the use of long-term multi-agency stewardship contracts;
- Heighten environmental and public trust in coordinated, sustainable biomass removal;
- Increase the 'surety' of annual biomass removal contracts from public agencies; and
- Invite investment back into our Nation's forest landscapes based on sustainable removals of woody biomass.

Meeting agenda items will specifically focus on (1) reviewing completed CROP results for all 10 geographic pilot areas and (2) securing collaborative, coordinated, and cooperative input from agency personnel and stakeholders regarding CROP deliverables, on-the-ground annual performance, and monitoring protocols. Agenda items will also detail new collaborative contracting provisions and authority that might be used in CROP landscapes; identify lessons learned during the CROP pilots; target any changes required to make CROP a better forest restoration tool; and define CROP data update and contracting protocols that could be initiated in the next 6–12 months.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Counties Payments Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Counties Payments Committee has scheduled a meeting to discuss how it will provide Congress with the information specified in Section 320 of the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 12, 2007. The meeting will consist of a business meeting from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Council Room on the 2nd floor at the Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Randle G. Phillips, Executive Director, Forest Counties Payments Committee, P.O. Box 34718, Washington, DC 20043–4713. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to rphillips01@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 202–273–4750.

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 USDA Forest Service, Franklin Court Building, Ste. 5500W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–208–6574 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 320 of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 created the Forest Counties Payments Committee to make recommendations to Congress on a long-term solution for making Federal payments to eligible States and counties in which Federal lands are situated. The Committee will consider the impact on eligible States and counties of revenues from the historic multiple use of Federal lands; evaluate the economic, environmental, and social benefits which accrue to counties containing Federal lands; evaluate the expenditures by counties on activities occurring on Federal lands, which are Federal responsibilities; and monitor payments and implementation of The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–393).