

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft supplemental environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft supplemental environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final supplemental environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final supplemental environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages of the draft supplement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: July 3, 2007.

**Maria T. Garcia,**

*Deputy Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Kamiah, ID, USDA, Forest Service.

**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 Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, July 24, 2007 in Grangeville, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting on July 24 will be held at the Super 8 Motel in Grangeville, Idaho, beginning at 10 a.m. (PST). Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 p.m. (PST).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 935-2513.

Dated: July 10, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, CA, USDA Forest Service.**

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest's Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 9 in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meetings on August 8 and 9 will begin at 9 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550

Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. These meetings will be dedicated to hearing presentations from project proponents on Tuesday and voting on Wednesday for funding through the "Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000," commonly known as Payments to States. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Frolli, Acting District Ranger, Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or Public Affairs Specialist, Leona Rodreick, at (530) 252-6605.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, August 15, 2007. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 15, 2007 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Room (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to [lkolund@fs.fed.us](mailto:lkolund@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Kolund, District Ranger, Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: July 11, 2007.

**Forrest Cole,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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