

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)**

AGENCY: Boise and Sawtooth National Forests, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise and Twin Falls District Recreation Resource Advisory Council (Rec-RAC) Subcommittee, will hold a meeting as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 5, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting location is the Boise District BLM Offices, 3948 South Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Public comment periods will be held before the conclusion of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, BLM Boise District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705, Telephone 208-384-3393, or Heather Tiel-Nelson, Public Affairs Officer, Twin Falls District, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, 208-735-2063.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 4 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2005 (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447), a subcommittee has been established to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Forest Service and the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, in the form of recommendations relating to public concerns regarding the implementation, elimination, or expansion of an amenity recreation fee; or the recreation fee program on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service and/or the BLM in both the Boise and Twin Falls Districts located in southern Idaho. Items on the agenda include review and discussion of information mailed by representatives of the Boise and Sawtooth National Forests to the subcommittee members about proposals to establish nine new fee sites on the Sawtooth National Forest and one new fee site on the Boise National Forest, and to increase existing fees at six recreation sites on the Sawtooth National Forest. Recommendations of the Rec-RAC subcommittee relative to

approval or rejection of these fee proposals will be brought before the two full RACs meeting jointly on a future date to be set at this Rec-RAC subcommittee meeting. Agenda items and location may change due to changing circumstances. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the subcommittee. Each formal subcommittee meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM coordinators as provided above.

Cecilia R. Seesholtz,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 21, 2009 on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 21, 2009 beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. A final location can be confirmed at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/Iocalltfac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include:

- Committee operations.
- Lake Tahoe SNPLMA Round 10 status and calendar update.

Status of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Forest Plan Revision and Tahoe Region Planning Agency Regional Plan update.

Status of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) reauthorization. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments attention Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

If you have questions concerning special needs for this public meeting, or to request sign language interpretation, contact Linda Lind, no later than January 19, 2009 at (530) 543-2787 or TTY (530) 543-0956, or via e-mail at LLind@afs.fed.us.

This **Federal Register** notice will be published less than 15 calendar days before the meeting based on these exceptional circumstances: (1) Due to the holidays LTFAC members were not available to schedule the meeting; and (2) there will be timely meeting notification through the LTBMU Web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/local/ltfac>).

Dated: January 9, 2009.

Michael Gabor,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Province Advisory Committee will meet at Siuslaw National Forest Headquarters, Siuslaw River Room. The agenda includes: Future of Coast PAC and Meeting Schedule, Travel Management Planning, Spotted Owl Recovery Plan, Western Oregon Plan Revision and Public Comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 22, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, Oregon 97333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541-750-7075, or write to Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council Discussion is limited to Forest Service/BLM staff and Council Members. Lunch will be on your own. A public input session will be at 3 p.m. for fifteen minutes. The meeting is expected to adjourn around 3:15 p.m.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Barnie T. Gyant,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Notice of a Public Meeting on Implementation of Title VI, Rural Development Authorities of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008—Section 6022, Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program and Section 6023, Grants for Expansion of Employment Opportunities for Individuals With Disabilities in Rural Areas

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business—Cooperative Service, an Agency in the Rural Development Mission Area of the United States Department of Agriculture, will hold a public meeting January 26, 2009, entitled “Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Opportunities—Inviting comments with the Public on new authorities of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Pub. L. 110-246) (“the Act”).” The purpose of this event is to gather public comments and suggestions on how to implement certain new authorities authorized under Title VI of the Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009. Registration will start at 12:30 p.m.; the program will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Whitten Building, Room 107-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th and Jefferson Drive SW., Washington, DC. Participants should enter the building through the main visitor’s entrance on Jefferson Drive which is closest to the conference room. Valid photo identification is required for clearance by building security personnel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Washington, Loan Specialist, Business

Programs, Specialty Lenders Division, USDA, Rural Development, Rural Business and Cooperative Service, Room 6866, South Agriculture Building, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225, *Telephone:* (202) 720-9815, *E-mail:* lori.washington@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Specifically, USDA has an interest in initiating a dialogue on the following sections of Title VI of the Act:

Section numbers below refer to sections of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

Section 6022, Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program—Provides rural microentrepreneurs with the skills necessary to establish new rural microenterprises, training, and to provide continuing technical and financial assistance related to the successful operation of rural microenterprises. Loans and grants will be made to eligible and qualified Microenterprise Development Organizations for the purposes of (1) providing microloans to rural microentrepreneurs, and (2) providing training and technical assistance to microentrepreneurs and/or potential microentrepreneurs to establish new, or sustain existing microbusinesses in rural areas. The Act provides mandatory funding in the amount of \$4 million in fiscal years (FYs) 2009 thru 2011, \$3 million in fiscal year 2012 and the authorization for funding in the amount of \$40 million in FYs 2009 thru 2012 for direct loan and grant assistance to rural microenterprises.

Section 6023, Grants for Expansion of Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities in Rural Areas—While funding has yet to be made available for this section, USDA seeks comments in anticipation of program implementation. This program is expected to provide for grants to nonprofit organizations to expand and enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas. Eligible organizations will include nonprofit organizations that have:

- (1) A significant focus on serving the needs of individuals with disabilities;
- (2) Demonstrated knowledge and expertise in employment of people with disabilities and advising private entities regarding accessibility issues;
- (3) Expertise in removing employment barriers including access to transportation, assistive technology, and other such accommodations; and
- (4) Existing relationships with national organizations focused primarily on the needs of rural areas.

Grants under this program will be used to expand or enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas via the development of national technical assistance and education resources to assist rural small businesses in the recruitment, hiring, accommodation, and employment of individuals with disabilities. Grants will also be used to expand or enhance self employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas.

Instructions for Participation

Although registration is encouraged, walk-ins will be accommodated to the extent that space permits. Registered participants will be given priority for making presentations prior to walk-ins. Anyone interested in the Act programs that support assistance to rural microenterprises or assistance with the expansion of employment for persons with disabilities in rural areas is encouraged to attend the public meeting. Presentations will be limited to no more than 10 minutes in duration. To register and request time for an oral statement, contact Lori Washington, Business Programs, Specialty Lenders Division, USDA, Rural Development, Business and Cooperative Programs, Room 6866 South Agriculture Building, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-3201; *Telephone:* 202-720-9815, *E-mail:* lori.washington@wdc.usda.gov. Comments by e-mail should be in an ASCII file. Written comments should clearly identify which of the above-referenced sections the comments are addressing. Anyone may attend without pre-registering.

Anyone intending in making an electronic presentation must provide such presentation via e-mail to Lori Washington no later than Friday, January 16th and bring a copy of the presentation with them on a portable electronic media to the meeting. You will be notified if USDA does not have the equipment available to permit you to make the presentation. Due to technical problems that can arise, you are advised to have a backup plan for making the presentation.

Depending on the level of interest expressed by the registered participants, certain blocks of time will be allotted for oral presentations by referenced sections mentioned in this notice.

In addition, the Department will allow written comments to be provided on the referenced Sections of Title VI of the Act up to 15 days following the date of the public meeting. These written comments should be submitted to Lori