

Responsible Official

The responsible official for this project is Jeff Seefeldt, Lakewood-Laona District Ranger, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Decision making will be limited to specific activities relating to the proposed actions. The primary decision to be made will be whether or not to implement the proposed action, another action alternative, or parts of alternatives that respond to the project's purpose and need. This decision would be documented in a record of decision.

Preliminary Issues

Comments from American Indian tribes, the public, and other agencies will be considered in identifying preliminary issues.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. The 45 day comment period will start after the publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Availability for the Honey Creek-Padus Project Draft EIS.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

Jeanne M. Higgins,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Mendocino Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee will meet March 13, 2009 (RAC) in Willits, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Approval of minutes, (2) Handout discussion, (3) Public Comment, (4) Financial Report, (5) Subcommittees, (6) Matters before the

group/discussion—items of interest, (7) Discussion/approval of projects, (8) Membership, (9) Next agenda and meeting date.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 13, 2009, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 E. Commercial St., Willits, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Hurt, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Covelo, Ranger District, 78150 Covelo Road, Covelo, CA 95428. (707) 983-6658; E-mail rhurt@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by March 10, 2009. Public comment will have the opportunity to address the committee at the meeting.

Dated: February 12, 2009.

Lee Johnson,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Plan Revision for Uwharrie National Forest, NC**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of adjustment for resuming the land management plan revision process and Notice of commencement of the 90-day comment period for the Uwharrie National Forest Proposed Land Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Proposed Plan).

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service is resuming preparation of the Uwharrie National Forest (UNF) revised land management plan as directed by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). Preparation of the revised plan was halted when the 2005 Forest Service planning rule was enjoined. A new planning rule (36 CFR Part 219) was implemented on April 21, 2008 allowing the planning process to be resumed. This notice resumes the plan revision process under the new planning rule.

Under the 2005 Rule the planning process had proceeded to the point of generating a Proposed Plan for public comment. A 90-day comment period for the Proposed Plan was initiated on

February 15, 2007 but was not completed due to enjoinderment of the 2005 Planning Rule on March 30, 2007. This notice serves to initiate a new 90-day public comment period on the Proposed Plan.

This notice provides:

1. Information on how to view and/or obtain copies of the Proposed Plan and the Comprehensive Evaluation Report.
2. Information on how the public can comment on the Proposed Plan, when those comments are due and, how comments can be submitted.
3. Who to contact for more information.

DATES: This notice is effective on February 25, 2009. Comments on the Proposed Plan must be received within 90 days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Uwharrie Plan Revision, National Forests in North Carolina, 160-A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Electronic mail should include "Proposed Uwharrie Plan Revision" in the subject line and be sent to: comments-southern-north-carolina@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Bemer, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, National Forests in North Carolina, 160A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, NC 28801, 828-257-4862. More information on the UNF and Proposed Plan revision process is available at: http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/uwharrie_plan/.

Documents Available for Review

The following documents are available for review. They are available either online at: http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/uwharrie_plan/ or hardcopies are available by sending a request to comments-southern-north-carolina@fsfed.us or by contacting the address shown above.

1. Uwharrie National Forest Proposed Land Management Plan.
2. Comprehensive Evaluation Report, which includes the following separate documents:
 - Terrestrial Ecosystem Sustainability
 - Aquatic Ecosystem Sustainability
 - Social Economic Sustainability and Social/Economic Overview
3. Timber Resource Analysis.

Comment Requested

The Forest Service is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local governments and agencies on the Uwharrie National Forest Proposed Land Management Plan. Comments on the Proposed Plan should be submitted within 90-days beginning February 25,