

### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of this project is to determine if livestock grazing will continue to be authorized on the allotments, and if it is to continue, how to best utilize adaptive management strategies to maintain or achieve desired conditions and meet forest plan objectives. Livestock grazing is currently occurring on most of the allotments under existing allotment management plans (AMPs) and through direction provided in the Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

### Proposed Action

The proposed action is to continue livestock grazing using adaptive management strategies to meet or move toward meeting Forest Plan and allotment-specific desired conditions. This may include changing livestock management strategies as well as construction of additional range improvements (fences and water developments). The proposed action also includes the use of various fuel management methods within portions of some allotments.

### Possible Alternatives

Two additional alternatives have been identified to date: (1) No action; remove livestock grazing from these allotments and no additional fire and fuel management actions over what are already approved, and (2) No change; continuance of current management strategies.

### Responsible Official

The District Rangers that administer the term grazing permits are the responsible officials. They are: Clarke McClung, Tongue Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801, Dave Sisk, Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District, 604 East Main Street, Lovell, Wyoming 82431, and Mark Booth, Powder River Ranger District, 1415 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Officials will consider the results of the analysis and its finding and then document the final decision in one or more Records of Decision (ROD). The decisions will determine whether or not to authorize livestock grazing, adaptive management strategies, design criteria, monitoring and fuel management activities on all, part, or none of the allotments, and if so, what adaptive management design criteria, adaptive options, and monitoring will be implemented so as to meet or move toward meeting the

desired conditions in the defined timeframe.

### Scoping Process

This notice of intent continues the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. A scoping document for this project is planned to be available March 2009.

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 environmental impact statement. 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.

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**William T. Bass,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on May 5, 2009 at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV 89449. 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 meetings will be held May 5, 2009, beginning at 12 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV 89449.

*For Further Information or to Request an Accommodation (one week prior to meeting date) Contact:* Aria Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Items to be covered on the agenda: (1) Discuss

policy associated with the Federal share environmental improvement program for capital projects located on private land; (2) review and discuss public comments and congressional input on LTFAC's preliminary recommendation of Lake Tahoe Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 10 capital projects and science themes, and (3) develop a final LTFAC recommendation for the Lake Tahoe SNPLMA Round 10 capital projects and science themes.

All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

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**Terri Marceron,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Lincoln 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 Kootenai National Forest's Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Libby, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** April 8, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Forest Supervisor's Office, 31374 US Hwy 2, Libby, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Willie Sykes, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 283-7694, or e-mail [wsykes@fs.fed.us](mailto:wsykes@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda will include a consideration of 2009 project proposals from the Rexford Ranger District and the Fortine Ranger District and receiving public comment. If the meeting date or location is