

Dated: April 5, 2011.

Susan Skalski,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to continue the review of project submittals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 28, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Salt Lake County Government Center, Room S1002, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Written comments should be sent to Loyal Clark, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601. Comments may also be sent via email to lfclark@fs.fed.us, via facsimile to 801-342-5144.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loyal Clark, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601; 801-342-5117; lfclark@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Review new projects, and (2) recommend final projects to the Forest Service. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

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Cheryl Probert,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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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, June 28, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held at the Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, 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 Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

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: April 4, 2011.

Jeff DeFreest,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman's Perspective, (5) Project Presentations, (6) General Project Discussion, (7) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 28, 2011 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1269; e-mail rjero@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by April 25, 2011 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 5, 2011.

Eduardo Olmedo,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Everett, Washington on May 12, 2011. The committee is meeting to review and prioritize 2011 and 2012 Snohomish County RAC Project Proposals for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest 4th floor Conference Room, located at the Wall Street Building, 2930 Wetmore Ave., Everett, Washington 98201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Forbes, District Ranger, Darrington Ranger District, phone (360) 436-2301, e-mail pforbes@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: The meeting is open to the public. More information will be posted on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/rac.shtml>.

Comments may be sent via e-mail to pforbes@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (360) 436-1309. 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 the Darrington Ranger District office at 1405 Emens Avenue, Darrington, Washington, during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.).

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Renee Bodine,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Basin Electric Power Cooperative: Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Assessment with Scoping (EA) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR part 1794 in connection with potential impacts related to a proposed project by Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric). The proposed Big Bend to Witten Transmission Line Project (proposed action) consists of an approximately 70-mile long 230-kV single-circuit transmission line, a new Western Area Power Administration (Western) substation called Lower Brule Substation, an addition to the existing Witten Substation, and approximately two miles of 230-kV double-circuit transmission line between Big Bend Dam and the new Lower Brule Substation. It is anticipated that some communication facility additions or enhancements may be necessary for the project including radio towers and buildings at Lower Brule Substation, Witten Substation, and one or two

intermediate sites. Basin Electric is requesting RUS financial assistance for the proposed action.

DATES: RUS will conduct public scoping meetings in an open house format to provide information and solicit comments for the preparation of the EA. The scoping meetings will be held on the following dates: The American Legion Post 179, 109 North 5th Avenue, Reliance, SD, on Tuesday April 26, 2011, 4–7 p.m.; The Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 1360 East Highway 44, Winner, SD, on Wednesday April 27, 2011, 4–7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or request additional information, contact: Mr. Richard Fristik, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571. *Telephone:* (202) 720-5093 or *e-mail:* richard.fristik@wdc.usda.gov.

A Macro Corridor and Alternative Evaluation Study has been prepared for the proposed project. The document is available for public review prior to and during the public scoping meetings. The report is available at the RUS address provided in this notice and on the agency's Web site at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, the offices of Basin Electric and the following repositories:

Kennebec Public Library, 203 S Main, Kennebec, SD 57544
Tripp County Library—Grossenburg Memorial, 442 Monroe Street, Winner, SD 57580

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The network transmission system in South Dakota is not able to accommodate projected load growth by 2014. The major impact is the addition of the pumping station loads associated with the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Seven pumping stations are proposed to be located in South Dakota. The two pumping stations to be connected to the Witten Substation and Gregory Substation would have a large impact on the network transmission system. These substations are located in a relatively remote area from a network transmission perspective and therefore do not have a strong redundant transmission connection. The existing Western 115-kV line between the Mission Substation and the Fort Randall Substation is not able to reliably accommodate the ultimate pump station build-out load level. An outage of the Fort Randall to Gregory 115-kV line would result in operating voltage criteria violations in the areas of Mission and Gregory, SD. The addition of the Big Bend to Witten 230-kV

transmission line would provide an increase in the load serving capacity such that the delivery needs of the projected network load can be met in a reliable manner.

The proposed action consists of an approximately 70-mile long 230-kV single circuit transmission line, a new Western Substation called Lower Brule Substation, an addition to the existing Witten Substation, and approximately two miles of 230-kV double-circuit transmission line between Big Bend Dam and the new Lower Brule Substation. Lower Brule Substation would be a new facility, to be built by Western, near Big Bend Dam on the Missouri River. Western would also construct, own, and operate approximately two miles of double circuit transmission line between Big Bend Dam and the new Lower Brule Substation. The Witten Substation is owned by Rosebud Electric Cooperative and is near the town of Witten, SD. Basin Electric would build and own the addition to the Witten Substation. It is anticipated that some communication facility additions or enhancements may be necessary for the project including radio towers and buildings at Lower Brule Substation, Witten Substation, and one or two intermediate sites.

Basin Electric is seeking financing from RUS for its ownership of the proposed project. Before making a decision to provide financing, RUS is required to conduct an environmental review under NEPA in accordance with RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794). Western has agreed to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the EA. Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed action. Representatives from RUS, Western and Basin Electric will be available at the scoping meetings to discuss the environmental review process, describe the proposed action, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing by May 27, 2011, at the Rural Utilities Service address provided in this notice. From information provided in the Macro Corridor and Alternatives Evaluation Study Report, from government agencies, private organizations, and the public, Basin Electric Power Cooperative will prepare an environmental analysis to be submitted to RUS for review. RUS will review the environmental analysis and determine the significance of the