

SUMMARY: The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Salmon, Idaho. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend projects to be funded under Public Law 112-141.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 28, 2012 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Public Lands Center, 1206 S. Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467.

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 Public Lands Center, 1206 S. Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Please call ahead to 208-756-5100 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Baumer, Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, 208-756-5145 (voice) or 208-756-5151 (fax) or email abaumer@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 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: review and recommendation of projects to be funded under Public Law 112-141. An agenda will be posted at the following Web site address in advance of the meeting date: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>. A summary of the meeting will be posted at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/within> 21 days of the meeting.

Dated: September 12, 2012.

Stefani Melvin,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

White Pine-Nye Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice meeting.

SUMMARY: The White Pine-Nye Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Eureka, Nevada. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with title II of the Act. The meetings are open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to provide updates on projects approved for fiscal year 2012.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 15, 2012, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Eureka County Annex, 701 S. Main Street, Eureka, Nevada 89316. Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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 Tonopah Ranger District Office, 1400 S. Erie Main Street, Tonopah, Nevada. Please call ahead to 775-482-6286 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Williams, RAC Designated Federal Official, Austin Ranger District, 100 Midas Canyon Road, P.O. Box 130, Austin, Nevada 89310, 775-964-2671, email swilliams01@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: Review and approve previous meeting's minutes and business expenses, Review projects approved and implemented in fiscal year 2012, and Public Comment. More information is available at:

https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by October 8, 2012 to be scheduled on the agenda.

Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Tonopah Ranger District, P.O. Box 3940, Tonopah, Nevada 89049, or by email to lebernardi@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 775-482-3053.

Dated: September 12, 2012.

Jeanne M. Higgins,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Prince of Wales Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Prince of Wales Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Craig, AK. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend projects authorized under title II of the Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 28, 2012 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Craig Ranger District, 504 9th Street, Craig, Alaska 99921. If you wish to attend via teleconference please call 907-826-3271 for instructions.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. 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 Craig Ranger District. Please call ahead to 907-826-

3271 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Sakraida RAC Coordinator at 907-826-3271 or by email at rsakraida@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: Review of projects submitted for review. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by September 18, 2012 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Prince of Wales RAC c/o District Ranger P.O. Box 500 Craig, AK 99921, or by email to rsakraida@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 907-826-2972. A summary of the meeting will be posted at https://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf within 21 days of the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: September 6, 2012.

Meave Taylor,

Acting District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and To Hold Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment and Hold Public Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to prepare an

Environmental Assessment (EA) and hold public scoping meetings and to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS's Environmental and Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794) in connection with potential impacts related to a proposal by Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC). The proposal consists of constructing approximately 40 to 45 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in portions of Atkinson, Berrien, Clinch, Coffee, and Lanier Counties, Georgia. GTC is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposal.

DATES: RUS will conduct two public scoping meetings in an open-house format on: Wednesday, September 26, 2012, from 3 to 7 p.m. at: the Holiday Inn Express Conference Room, 1636 South Peterson Ave., Douglas, Georgia 31534. Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at: The Threatte Center, 209 South Highway 221, Lakeland, Georgia 31635. Representatives from RUS and GTC will be available at the meetings to discuss the environmental review process, the proposal, and the scope of environmental issues currently under consideration. Written comments regarding the proposal may be submitted at the public scoping meetings or by October 29, 2012, to the RUS address provided in this Notice.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or for further information, please contact Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA Rural Utilities Service, P.O. Box 776, Haw River, North Carolina 27258-0776, telephone: (202) 695-2540, fax: (202) 690-0649, or email: lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov.

An Alternatives Evaluation and Macro Corridor Study, which discusses the purpose and need for the proposal and the alternatives considered in the proposal's development, is available for public review at the following RUS Web site: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-EA-DouglasLakelandGA.html>; at GTC's headquarters office at: 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084; and at the following repositories: Douglas/Coffee County Public Library, South Madison Ave., Douglas, Georgia 31533; Pearson Public Library, 56 East Bullard Ave., Pearson, Georgia 31642; Willacoochee Public Library, 165 East Fleetwood Ave., Willacoochee, Georgia 31650; and W.L. Miller Memorial Library, 124 South Valdosta Road, Lakeland, Georgia 31635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GTC proposes to construct approximately 40

to 45 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line from the existing Douglas 115/230 kV Substation on the northwest side of the City of Douglas in Coffee County, Georgia, to an existing transmission line corridor north of the City of Lakeland in Lanier County, Georgia. In general, the project area is located in the Coastal Plains of South Georgia, east of Interstate 75 and northeast of the City of Valdosta. Proposal activities include acquisition of a 100 foot easement or right-of-way (ROW) within which the line would be sited. GTC anticipates using mostly single pole structures. Construction and line maintenance activities mostly would remain within the transmission line easement with access to the line from public ROW. Some construction activities may require stream and wetland crossings. GTC's proposal is one piece of the proposed Douglas-Pine Grove Plan (i.e., the preferred electrical solution). Four other connected actions, which will be constructed by other utilities, will be addressed in the proposed project's EA.

Among the alternatives that RUS will address in the EA is the No Action alternative, under which the proposal would not be undertaken. In the EA, the effects of the proposal will be compared to the existing conditions in the project area. Public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of the proposal will be considered in the EA.

RUS is the lead federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5, for preparation of the EA. With this Notice, federally recognized Native American Tribes and Federal agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such tribes or agencies may make a request to RUS to be a cooperating agency by contacting the RUS contact provided in this Notice. Designated cooperating agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA process, as specified at 40 CFR 1501.6(b).

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform RUS decision-making in its Section 106 review process. Any party