

by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 6 and 7, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Conference Room 108-A, Washington, DC. 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 on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Web site listed above. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead of time to facilitate entry into the Whitten Building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maya Solomon, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, Cooperative Forestry Staff, 202-205-1376 or Karl Dalla Rosa, Cooperative Forestry Staff, 202-205-6206. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to develop recommendations to submit to the Secretary regarding alignment of landowner assistance delivery systems, forest inventory and analysis, markets, climate change adaptation, forest conditions, threats to forest health, and landscape scale conservation and management. The meeting is open to the public. All meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee or to make an oral statement should request in writing by February 3, 2014. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Maya Solomon, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator at 1400 Independence Ave. SW., mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20250; by email to [mayasolomon@fs.fed.us](mailto:mayasolomon@fs.fed.us). A summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site listed above within 21 days after 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 accommodations for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: November 29, 2013.

**Paul Ries,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellations.

**SUMMARY:** The Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings scheduled on the dates below are cancelled. The meetings were scheduled to meet in Kincheloe, Michigan. The RAC is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) (Pub. L. 110-343) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463).

**DATES:** The cancelled meetings were scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 30, 2013
- June 20, 2013
- July 11, 2013
- August 15, 2013
- September 19, 2013

**ADDRESSES:** The cancelled meetings were to be held at the Chippewa County 911 Center, 4657 West Industrial Park Drive, Kincheloe, Michigan. Written comments concerning these cancellations may be submitted as described under **FOR FURTHER 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 Hiawatha National Forest (NF), Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janel Crooks, RAC Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Hiawatha NF, Supervisor's Office, 820 Rains Drive, Gladstone, Michigan 49837; by phone at 906-428-5829 or via email at [HiawathaNF@fs.fed.us](mailto:HiawathaNF@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.

Dated: November 25, 2013.

**Stevan J. Christiansen,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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#### Publicly Managed Recreation Opportunities, Recreation Fees

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of final directive.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is issuing a final directive providing direction on recreation fees in chapter 30 of new Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 2309.13. This chapter enumerates the requirements for recreation fees charged by the Forest Service under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814), which was enacted December 8, 2004. This chapter replaces the Forest Service's interim implementation guidelines on REA and obsolete direction on recreation fees in FSM 2330.

**DATES:** This final directive is effective December 9, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Hartman, [chartman01@fs.fed.us](mailto:chartman01@fs.fed.us), 202-205-1227.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background and Need for the Final Directive

REA authorizes the Federal land management agencies, including the Forest Service, to charge several types of recreation fees and to invest the recreation fees at the sites and areas where they were collected to enhanced facilities and services provided to visitors. REA replaced the recreation fee authority under section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-6a) and the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program statute (Pub. L. 104-134, § 315).

On April 25, 2005, the Forest Service issued *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA): Forest Service Interim Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines)*. The statutory direction in REA has been appropriately integrated

into administration of the Forest Service's Recreation Fee Program under the Guidelines.

This final directive, which replaces the Guidelines, formalizes direction on REA by incorporating it into the Forest Service's Directive System. The final directive incorporates without interpretation the requirements in REA and therefore was not subjected to public comment. Formalizing direction on these requirements will assist Forest Service employees who administer the Recreation Fee Program. The final directive will be available to the public online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

### Regulatory Certifications

#### *Environmental Impact*

This final directive will incorporate without interpretation the requirements in REA into the Forest Service's Directive System. Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 220.6(d)(2) exclude from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement "rules, regulations, or policies to establish Service-wide administrative procedures, program processes, or instructions." The Agency has concluded that this final directive falls within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist which would require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

#### *Regulatory Impact*

This final directive has been reviewed under USDA procedures and Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 on regulatory planning and review. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that this final directive is not significant. The final directive will not have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy, nor will it adversely affect productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health and safety, or State or local governments. The final directive will not interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency, nor will it raise new legal or policy issues. Finally, the final directive will not alter the budgetary impact of entitlement, grant, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of beneficiaries of those programs. Accordingly, this final directive is not subject to OMB review under E.O. 12866.

The Agency has considered this final directive in light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602 *et seq.*). The Agency has determined that this final directive will not have a significant

economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined by the act because the final directive will not impose record-keeping requirements on them; it will not affect their competitive position in relation to large entities; and it will not affect their cash flow, liquidity, or ability to remain in the market. The final directive will formalize direction on the Forest Service's authority to charge recreation fees to the public and will have no direct effect on small businesses.

#### *No Takings Implications*

The Agency has analyzed this final directive in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in E.O. 12630. The Agency has determined that this final directive does not pose the risk of a taking of private property.

#### *Civil Justice Reform*

The Agency has reviewed this final directive under E.O. 12988 on civil justice reform. After adoption of this final directive, (1) all State and local laws and regulations that conflict with this final directive or that impede its full implementation will be preempted; (2) no retroactive effect will be given to this final directive; and (3) it will not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging its provisions.

#### *Unfunded Mandates*

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), the Agency has assessed the effects of this final directive on State, local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. This final directive will not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or Tribal government or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

#### *Federalism and Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

The Agency has considered this final directive under the requirements of E.O. 13132 on federalism and has determined that the final directive conforms with the federalism principles set out in this E.O.; will not impose any compliance costs on the States; and will not have substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship between the Federal government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, the Agency has determined that no further assessment of federalism implications is necessary.

Moreover, this final directive does not have Tribal implications as defined by E.O. 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and therefore advance consultation with Tribes is not required.

#### *Energy Effects*

This final directive has been reviewed under E.O. 13211 of May 18, 2001, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use." The Agency has determined that this final directive does not constitute a significant energy action as defined in the E.O.

#### *Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*

This final directive does not contain any record-keeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 that are not already required by law or not already approved for use. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Dated: November 26, 2013.

**Thomas L. Tidwell,**

*Chief, U.S. Forest Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Publication of Depreciation Rates

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Depreciation Rates for Telecommunications Plant.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers rural utilities programs, including the Telecommunications Program. RUS announces the depreciation rates for telecommunications plant for the period ending December 31, 2012.

**DATES:** These rates are effective immediately and will remain in effect until rates are available for the period ending December 31, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith B. Adams, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1590—Room 5151, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–1590. Telephone: (202) 720–9556.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 7 CFR part 1737, Pre-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Insured and