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Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Site

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee site.

SUMMARY: The San Juan National Forest (Forest) proposes to charge new fees at the Chimney Rock National Monument. These sites are currently in use by the public, but the Forest Service is not currently charging a fee for their use. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Significant capital improvements made in the past few years, coupled with increased visitation, support a fee. A review of visitor use data and fee collection information for existing fee campgrounds and group campgrounds on the Forest demonstrate public need and demand for the variety of recreation opportunities these facilities provide.

DATES: If approved, the new fee would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Pagosa Ranger District, Chimney Rock Fee Change Proposal, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or by emailing Paul Blackman at paul.blackman@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Blackman, District Recreation Staff, 970-264-1505 or paul.blackman@usda.gov. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the San Juan National Forest's website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Fees are based on the level of amenities and services provided, the cost of operations and maintenance, and the market assessment of similar types of

opportunities within the geographic area.

The current fee is \$12-\$16 per adult and \$6-\$8 per child which is charged by the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. The proposal will establish a new Forest Service fee of \$20 per vehicle for five days and \$10 per motorcycle for five days. Revenue from these fees will help the Forest Service and its partner, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, to provide services and amenities so visitors can continue to access and enjoy a unique and high-quality monument experience. Revenue would be directed primarily towards infrastructure maintenance and repairs, as well as Forest Service activities such as managing parking, maintaining trails, providing education, protecting cultural resources, and providing other visitor services.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed and approved by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office prior to a final decision and implementation.

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Sandra Watts,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket Number: RUS-21-Electric-0020]

Badger State Solar, LLC: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting on October 26, 2021

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and hold a virtual public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a virtual public scoping meeting in connection with possible impacts related to the Badger State Solar, LLC's Alternating Current solar project (Project). The Project consists of a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

DATES: The public scoping meeting webinar will be held on October 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST via Zoom. Those wishing to attend the webinar are invited to register online at the virtual scoping meeting room website <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>. An email will be sent to registrants with information for how to access the webinar. Attendees will be able to provide spoken comments during the webinar. The virtual scoping meeting room is an interactive website which will be available throughout the public scoping period. Attendees will be able to submit written comments through the virtual scoping meeting room website. Written comments may also be submitted to BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Written requests to participate as a "consulting party" or to provide comments for consideration during the scoping process for the proposed Project must be received on or before November 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To request "consulting party" status, submit comments, or for further information, please contact: BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Project-related information will be available at RUS's and Badger State Solar's websites located at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statements>, <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>, and <https://www.badgerstatesolar.com>. This includes the Alternative Evaluation and Site Selection Studies prepared for the project. Project information will also be available at the Jefferson Public Library in Jefferson, WI; the Cambridge Community Library in Cambridge, WI and the Lake Mills Library in Lake Mills, WI.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, electronic communication is preferred because delivery of hard copies by mail may not be delivered in a timely manner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS is the lead federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1508.1(o), for preparation of the EIS. With this notice, federal and state agencies and federally recognized Tribes with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such agencies or tribes may make a request to RUS to be a cooperating agency by contacting the RUS contact provided in this notice. Designated cooperating