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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council (PNT) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the National Trails System Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail as described in the Act.

DATES: A virtual half-day meeting will be held on November 2, 2023, 08:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on October 27, 2023. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on October 27, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Council may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the link posted on the PNT Advisory Council Meetings web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622>.

The public may also join virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the link posted above. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to richard.pringle@usda.gov or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Rick Pringle, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, October 27, 2023, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to richard.pringle@usda.gov or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Rick Pringle, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Pringle, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 503–808–2401 or email at richard.pringle@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Approve meeting minutes;
2. Provide information about the status of the comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail;
3. Discuss and identify future PNT advisory council activity; and
4. Schedule the next meeting.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. 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 upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Council. To ensure that the recommendations of the Council have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forestry Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forestry Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Committee is authorized under the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to and advise the Secretary of Agriculture on forestry research. The Agriculture and Food Act directs the Secretary to appoint the FRAC which advises on how to efficiently accomplish the purposes of the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The FRAC focuses on developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, forestry schools, and forest industries. FRAC recommendations support states in carrying out a program of forestry research through land-grant colleges or agricultural experiment stations and other state-supported colleges and universities that offer graduate training in forestry. The FRAC also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program which is authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978.

DATES: An in-person meeting will be held on November 15, 2023, and November 16, 2023, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. EST on November 10, 2023. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. EST on November 10, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

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ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in person at the USDA Forest Service, Sidney R. Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250 in the Yates Training Room. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/about/frac> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to arthur.a.duggan@usda.gov or via mail to David Lytle, Research and Development 2NW, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250. The

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Duggan, Jr., Science Quality Services Program Manager, by phone at 510-542-0081 or email at arthur.a.duggan@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Discuss the current purpose of the Committee;
2. Discuss questions Federal forestry researchers are attempting to address and how they are addressing them; and
3. Identify topics for future meetings.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-23-Telecom-0012]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Electric System Emergency Restoration Plan; OMB Control No.: 0572-0140

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its' intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 18, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions," enter the following docket number: (RUS-23-Telecom-0012), and click "Search." To submit public comments, select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional).