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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northwest Forest Plan Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Committee is authorized under the National Forest Management Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and pragmatic recommendations regarding potential regional scale land management planning approaches and solutions within the Northwest Forest Plan Area within the context of the 2012 planning rule.

DATES: An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on January 30, 2024, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Pacific standard time (PST), January 31, 2024, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. PST, and February 1, 2024, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PST.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST on January 24, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. PST on January 24, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the Committee, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All committee 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 in person at the University of Oregon, 1395 University Street, Eugene, OR 97403. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsprd1076013> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to sm.fs.nwfp_faca@usda.gov or via mail (*i.e.*,

postmarked) to Katie Heard, USDA Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Suite G015, Portland, OR 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. PST, January 24, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Requests to pre-register for oral comments must be sent by email to sm.fs.nwfp_faca@usda.gov or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to Katie Heard, USDA Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Suite G015, Portland, OR 97204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Eberlien, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 707-562-9000 or email at Jennifer.Eberlien@usda.gov or Katie Heard, FACA Coordinator, at Kathryn.Heard@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review subcommittee considerations regarding initial recommendations for updates to the Northwest Forest Plan;
2. Work to refine recommendations and identify next steps to develop Northwest Forest Plan components; and
3. 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 Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into 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: December 13, 2023.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #: RUS-22-TELECOM-0058]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Connect Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, correction, and extension of application window.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2023, to announce the acceptance of applications under the Community Connect Grant (CCG) program for Fiscal Year 2023. The NOFO also announced the availability of approximately \$79 million for FY 2023 that would be made available to eligible applicants to construct broadband networks that provide