

three months; proposed and interim directives that were previously published for public comment but not yet finalized and issued; and notice of final directives issued in the last three months.

**DATES:** This notice identifies proposed and interim directives that will be published for public comment between April 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024; proposed and interim directives that were previously published for public comment but not yet finalized and issued; and final directives that have been issued since January 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions or comments may be submitted by email to the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** JoLynn Anderson, 971-313-1718 or [jolynn.anderson@usda.gov](mailto:jolynn.anderson@usda.gov). Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the hearing impaired may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays. You may register to receive email alerts regarding Forest Service directives at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed and Interim Directives**

Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1612(a) and 36 CFR part 216, the Forest Service publishes for public comment Agency directives that formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Agency procedures for providing public notice and opportunity to comment are specified in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1109.12, Chapter 30, Providing Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on Directives.

There are no public comment directives scheduled for publication from April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

The following proposed directives have been published for public comment but have not yet been finalized:

1. FSM 2200, Rangeland Management, Chapters Zero Code; 2210, Rangeland Management Planning; 2220, Management of Rangelands (Reserved); 2230, Grazing Permit System; 2240, Rangeland Improvements; 2250, Rangeland Management Cooperation; and 2270, Information Management and Reports; FSH 2209.13, Grazing Permit Administration Handbook, Chapters 10, Term Grazing Permits; 20, Grazing Agreements; 40, Livestock Use Permits; 50, other Permits; and 90, Rangeland Management Decision-Making; and FSH 2209.16, Allotment Management

Handbook, Chapter 10, Allotment Management and Administration.

2. FSM 3800, Landscape Scale Restoration Program.

3. FSH 2409.12, Timber Cruising Handbook, Chapters 30, Cruising Systems; 40, Cruise Planning, Data Recording, and Cruise Reporting; 60, Quality Control; and 70, Designating Timber for Cutting; FSH 2409.15, Timber Sale Administration Handbook, Chapters 20, Measuring and Accounting for Included Timber; 40, Rates and Payments; and 60, Operations and Other Provisions.

4. FSM 2000, National Forest Resource Management, Chapter 40, National Forest System Monitoring.

5. FSM 2300, Recreation, Wilderness, and Related Resource Management, Chapter 50, section 55, Climbing Management.

**Final Directives That Have Been Issued Since January 1, 2024**

Final FSH 5509.11, Title Claims, Sales, and Grants Handbook, Chapter 10, Title Claims and Encroachments, has been issued since January 1, 2024.

Title Claims and Encroachments, last updated August 3, 1992, has been updated in the final version. The contents of the 1992 handbook have been reorganized to be in parallel with the case processing activities in the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System Database. The revised handbook will provide a full understanding to land staffs regarding authorities used for title claim and encroachment cases. Nationwide understanding of steps for processing and resolving trespass and encroachment cases is needed to process these cases in a timely manner. Clear examples and exhibits of deeds, correspondence letters, and reports will help maintain consistency throughout the Forest Service.

The 30-day comment period for the proposed directive began June 16, 2023, and closed on July 15, 2023. The response to comments can be viewed at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-3650>. Final chapter 10 was issued February 6, 2024, and can be viewed at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/im/directives/fsh/5509.11/wo\\_5509.11\\_10-Amend%202024-1,%20Title%20Claims%20and%20Encroachments.docx](https://www.fs.usda.gov/im/directives/fsh/5509.11/wo_5509.11_10-Amend%202024-1,%20Title%20Claims%20and%20Encroachments.docx).

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Helena-Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Helena-Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (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, as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest within Broadwater, Teton, Lewis and Clark, Judith Basin, and Meagher counties, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**DATES:** An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on June 26, 2024, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., mountain daylight time (MDT).

*Written and Oral Comments:* Anyone wishing to provide in-person or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. MDT on June 19, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. MDT on June 19, 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 Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Great Falls Office, located at 1220 38th St. N, Great Falls, MT 59401. The public may also join the meeting virtually via video conference using the Microsoft Teams platform: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>, Meeting ID: 293 075 016 517, Passcode: 4oPBh9. Committee information and meeting details can be found online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/hlcnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [chiara.cipriano@usda.gov](mailto:chiara.cipriano@usda.gov) or via mail (postmarked) to Chiara Cipriano 2880 Skyway Drive Helena, MT 59602. 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. MDT, June 19, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [chiara.cipriano@usda.gov](mailto:chiara.cipriano@usda.gov) or via mail (postmarked) to Chiara Cipriano 2880 Skyway Drive Helena, MT 59602.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Molly Ryan, Designated Federal Officer, at 406-949-9766 or email at [molly.ryan@usda.gov](mailto:molly.ryan@usda.gov); or Chiara Cipriano, Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, at 406-594-6497 or email at [chiara.cipriano@usda.gov](mailto:chiara.cipriano@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect a chairperson;
2. Create a local charter;
3. Hear from title II project proponents and discuss title II project proposals;
4. Make funding recommendations on title II projects;
5. Approve meeting minutes; and
6. Schedule the next meeting

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. To be scheduled on the agenda, individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date. 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.

USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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 the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: June 5, 2024.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS-24-CF-0012]

#### Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for Fiscal Year 2024

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the acceptance of applications under the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program for fiscal year (FY) 2024. Up to \$5 million in funding is available for fiscal year (FY) 2024. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical

assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development that will support the community. Applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

**DATES:** Completed applications must be submitted using one of the following methods:

- **Paper submissions:** Paper application must be received by 4 p.m. local time by the Rural Development State Office where the applicant's headquarters is located. July 15, 2024.
- **Electronic submissions:** Electronic applications must be submitted via [Grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants) by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on July 10, 2024.

Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the Agency, as long as such requests are made prior to July 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants wanting to apply for assistance may download the application documents and requirements as stated in this Notice from the RCDI website: [rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants](https://rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants). Application information for electronic submissions may be found at [Grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants). Applicants may also request paper application packages from the Rural Development office in their State. A list of Rural Development State office contacts can be found via [rd.usda.gov/files/CF\\_State\\_Office\\_Contacts.pdf](https://rd.usda.gov/files/CF_State_Office_Contacts.pdf).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley J. Stevenson, Community Programs Specialist, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 205-9685, Email: [Shirley.Stevenson@usda.gov](mailto:Shirley.Stevenson@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview

*Federal Awarding Agency Name:* Rural Housing Service (RHS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI).

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

*Funding Opportunity Number:* USDA-RD-HCFP-RCDI-2024.

*Assistance Listing:* 10.446.

*Dates:* Applications must be submitted using one of the following methods:

- **Paper submissions:** The deadline for receipt of a paper application is 4