

which will involve a planning conversation between the distribution site and the study contractor, distribution of recruitment materials to CSFP participants, and distribution of surveys to CSFP participants when they receive their food package.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: The estimated number of total annual

responses is 8,282; this includes 1,907 responses from 1,657 respondents and 6,375 responses from 6,375 non-respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: For respondents, the estimated time of response varies from 45 minutes to 4 hours depending on the data collection activity, as shown in the table below.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,139 hours; this includes 2,820 hours for respondents and 319 hours for non-respondents. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent and data collection activity.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED PUBLIC BURDEN HOURS ¹

Respondent	Data collection activity	Estimated number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
CSFP State Agency Staff ...	State Agency Survey	60	1	60	1.00	60.00
CSFP Local Agency Staff ...	Local Agency Survey	250	1	250	1.00	250.00
	Local Agency Administrative Data Submission.	250	1	250	4.00	1,000.00
CSFP Distribution Site Staff	Assisting with Recruitment for Participant Survey.	222	1	222	3.00	666.00
CSFP Participants	CSFP Participant Survey (Respondents).	1,125	1	1,125	0.75	843.75
	CSFP Participant Survey (Non-Respondents).	6,375	1	6,375	0.05	318.75
Total:	8,032	1	8,282	0.38	3,138.50

¹ The total burden hours presented here provide information assuming the maximum number of respondents for State agency surveys, local agency surveys, and outreach to distribution sites for help with recruiting CSFP participants.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Modoc Resource Advisory Committee
AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Modoc 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 Modoc National Forest within Modoc County, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

DATES: An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on August 21, 2024, at 3

p.m. until 7 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time).
Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person and virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on August 16, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on August 16, 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 Modoc National Forest Supervisor's Office Conference Room, located at 225 West 8th Street Alturas, California 96101. The public may also join virtually via webcast, teleconference, videoconference, or Homeland Security Information Network virtual meeting. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/main/modoc/workingtogether/advisorycommittees or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to samantha.jager@usda.gov or via mail

(postmarked) to *Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, 225 West 8th Street, Alturas, California, 96101*. 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. PDT, August 16, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to samantha.jager@usda.gov or via mail (postmarked) to Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, 225 West 8th Street, Alturas, California, 96101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Christofferson, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 530-233-5811 or email at chris.christofferson@usda.gov; or Samantha Jager, Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, by phone at 530-708-7291 or email at samantha.jager@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Discuss any old business from last year;
 2. Hear from Title II project proponents and discuss Title II project proposals;
 3. Make funding recommendations on Title II projects;
 4. Discuss committee vacancies;
 5. Approve meeting minutes;
 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: July 30, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RUS-24-Agency-0023]

Notice of Adoption of Department of Energy Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service and Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Rural Development (RD), a mission area within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces its intention to adopt three Categorical Exclusions (CEs) from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to use in RD programs and funding opportunities. This notice describes the categories of proposed actions for which RD intends to use the DOE CEs and describes the consultation between the agencies.

DATES: This action is effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Hachey, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental and Historic Preservation Division, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1548, Room 4004, Phone: (202) 205-5381; Email: alan.hachey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

RD's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans. This mission is met by providing loans, grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance through a multitude of programs aimed at creating and improving infrastructure, businesses, and housing throughout rural America. RD is divided into three agencies, the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Housing Service, each with unique programs that play an important role in helping RD reach its goals.

RD's programs must comply with NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, which requires Federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and inform and engage the public in those processes. Congress enacted NEPA to establish a national policy for the environment, provide for the establishment of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and for other purposes as detailed on [NEPA.gov \(https://ceq.doe.gov\)](https://ceq.doe.gov). CEQ issued regulations implementing NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ regulations).

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review of any major Federal action—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or CE. It is the agency's responsibility, in accordance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations, to prepare documentation that supports their level of review.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to adopt and use another agency's CEs for a category of proposed agency actions (42 U.S.C. 4336c). To use another agency's CEs under section 109, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CEs listed in another agency's ("establishing agency") NEPA procedures that cover the adopting agency's category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the proposed adoption of the CE to a category of actions is appropriate; identify to the public the CE that the adopting agency plans to use for its proposed actions; and document adoption of the CE. 40 CFR 1501.4(e)(2024). This notice documents RD's adoption of three DOE CEs under section 109 of NEPA for future use in RD programs and funding opportunities.

II. Identification of the Categorical Exclusions and Additional Conditions for Application

RD provides loans, grants and technical assistance to build critical infrastructure like electric, broadband, water systems, and hospitals. The programs expand access to electric, telecommunications, and transportation infrastructure, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials.

RD has identified the following CEs for adoption, which are listed in DOE's NEPA procedures as CEs B5.4, B5.5, and B5.23 of 10 CFR part 1021, subpart D, appendix B. These CEs were established April 24, 1992 (57 FR 15144), and October 13, 2011 (76 FR 63787). The DOE text of each CE has been included