

action participate by the close of the 30-day scoping comment period (April 1, 2004) so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Mary Erickson,

Forest Supervisor, Fishlake National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Meeting of the Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Friday, April 2, 2004. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome/introductions/agenda;
- (2) LBL Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) process update;
- (3) Information session presentation & critique for the LRMP;
- (4) Summary of changes, preferences, and discussion;
- (5) Planning schedule;
- (6) Board discussion of comments received.

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments are invited and may be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between the Lakes by March 25, 2004, in order for copies to be provided to the members at

the meeting. Board members will review written comments received, and at their request, oral clarification may be requested at a future meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., c.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Brandon Spring Group Camp, Land Between the Lakes, and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

William P. Lisowsky,

Area Supervisor, Land Between the Lakes.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lake County Board of Supervisor's Chambers at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie McIntosh, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485. (707) 275-2361; E-mail dmintosh@fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Roll Call/Establish Quorum; (2) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2004 Meeting; (3) Finalize business for 2003; (4) Reevaluate Previously Submitted Projects Not Approved; (5) Discuss and Set Field Trip Dates; (6) RAC New Letter; (7) Discuss Appointments to RAC for Second Terms; (8) Review New Project for 2004; (9) Recommend Projects for 2004; (10) Discuss Project Cost Accounting USFS/County of Lake; (11) Set next Meeting Date and; (12) Public Comment Period. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be

provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

Blaine P. Baker,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revisions of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, Land and Resource Management Plans, Pacific Northwest Region, OR, WA, and ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to revise the Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intent of the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests to revise their respective Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) under the 1982 planning regulations (36 CFR part 219). Initial steps of the revision process will focus on information needs, resource inventory reviews, establishing a public collaboration process, and identifying needed changes.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning this notice to Dave Schmitt, Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team Leader, 1550 Dewey Avenue, P.O. Box 907, Baker City, OR 97814. Send electronic correspondence on the forest plan revision to tpaulsen@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tami Paulsen, Public Affairs Specialist, Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team (541) 523-1332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Plans for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests were completed in May, June, and April of 1990 (respectively) and will remain in effect and continue to be implemented until the Plans are revised. This notice addresses initiation of revision. Once the scope of the revision is better understood the Forests will issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which will initiate the Analysis process outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Forest Service is preparing new planning regulations, which may be

issued while the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests Plans are still in the revision process. These new regulations will reflect the latest national direction on land management planning and the Forests may consider completing the Plan Revision under the new planning regulations when they are finalized. It is anticipated the new planning regulations will allow such a change. An additional Notice will be issued if the Forests decide to switch to the new, final planning regulations.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of training conference.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing a forthcoming training conference for Federal Grants and Cooperative and Contribution Agreements. Special emphasis will be placed on clarifying the grants and agreements process with emphasis on the competitive process.

DATES: The training conference date is: April 26-30, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A block of rooms has been reserved under USDA/NRCS at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone: 1-888-627-7033, on a first come first serve basis. The Marriott New Orleans Hotel (directly across the street), 550 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 1-888-364-1200 will become the overflow hotel site. A room rate has been set at \$146.00 and all reservations must be guaranteed by April 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The training conference will take place at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone: 1-888-627-7033.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments should be directed to Edward Biggers, Jr., Director, Management Services Division, telephone: (202) 720-4102; fax: (202) 720-7149; e-mail: Edward.biggers@usda.gov or Rosann Durrah, telephone: (202) 720-4072; fax:

(202) 690-0639; e-mail: Rosann.durrah@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this conference is given under the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308. The conference is designed for leaders, administrators, partners, non-government officials, program managers, specialists, management analysts, and others involved with operations, agreements/grants, evaluations, administration, decision process, auditing, program management, budgeting, contracting, and program delivery. Participants will learn: Competing Grants and Agreements, Contribution Agreements, Authorities, Policies, and Earmarks, Roles and Responsibilities, and Cost Analysis and Evaluation of Proposals.

Dated: March 8, 2004.

Helen V. Huntington,

Federal Register Liaison, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for a project proposed by Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc., (GVEA) of Fairbanks, Alaska. The project consists of constructing a 138kV transmission line between the GVEA North Pole Power Plant, North Pole, Alaska, and the Carney Substation, which is approximately 22 miles southeast of North Pole.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1414, Fax: (202) 720-0820, e-mail: nurul.islam@usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Greg Wyman, Manager of Construction Services, GVEA, PO Box 71249, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1249, telephone (907) 451-5629. His e-mail address is: gwyma@gvea.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GVEA proposes to construct the North Pole to Carney Substation 138kV Transmission Line Project, which is approximately 22 miles in length. The primary purpose of the facility is to meet the projected future increases in regional power requirements and to improve the quality of service to existing customers. To accommodate the new transmission line, a new substation would be built next to the existing North Pole Power Plant which is located near the Williams Alaska Petroleum Refinery. In addition, GVEA would modify the existing Carney Substation to provide an additional breaker to allow for termination of the transmission line. The modification of the Carney Substation work would take place within the existing substation footprint. The proposed transmission line would be single circuit, with three-phase, constructed to operate at a voltage of 138 kV and supported by wood-pole, H-frame structures that would be approximately 75 ft. in height. The line would be constructed within a right-of-way that would be approximately 100 ft. in width.

Alternatives to the proposed project are discussed in detail in the environmental assessment (EA). They include no action, load management, purchase of power, upgrading of the existing line, construction of a new transmission line, substation locations, etc. Based on the analysis, the construction of a new transmission line, a new substation at the North Pole Power Plant, and modifications to the Carney Substation were found to meet the purpose and need for the project.

GVEA submitted an environmental report (ER) to RUS, which addresses the potential environmental impacts of the project. The ER includes input from federal, state, and local agencies. RUS has reviewed and accepted the ER as RUS' EA for the project in accordance with RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR 1794.41. The EA was made available to Federal, State, and local government agencies for their review and comments. GVEA published notices of the availability of the EA for public review in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner on January 17 and 18, 2004. The EA was also made available for public review at the Noel Wien Public Library, North Pole City Library, and RUS office in Washington, DC. The 30-day comment period on the EA for the project ended on February 20, 2004. The Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Habitat Management and Permitting (OHMP); Office of the History and Archaeology; Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and the