

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (503) 934-1137; E-MAIL pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Regional Exosystem Office (REO) update; (2) Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) feedback to the PAC regarding their recommendations on watershed analyses and Healthy Forest Restoration Act projects; (3) Report on the Province 2004 Implementation Monitoring activity held in September; (4) Continue panel discussion concerning options for silvicultural treatments on federal lands; (5) Presentation on the NWFP 10-year monitoring program; (6) Presentation on Bureau of Land Management/Department of Fish and Game research on impacts of fall, winter and spring prescribed burning on avian and terrestrial species; and (7) Public comment. 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: November 9, 2004.

Phebe Y. Brown,
Committee Staff Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, December 1, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochmour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgouchmour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

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Acting Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Program; 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 new grant program that will implement the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP) lending program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Plank, Senior Environmental Scientist, RUS, Water and Environmental Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1649 or email: mark.plank@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Public Law 107-171. Section 6012 of the Farm Bill amended Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) by adding a grant program to establish a lending program. The program will provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing loans to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The program is called the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP). This program was authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2003 through 2007. There was no funding appropriated in FY 2003. However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-

199), includes \$1,000,000 for the program.

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service issued proposed regulations to implement the HWWSP (69 FR 59836, October 6, 2004). The final rule outlines the procedures for providing grants to eligible applicants to establish a revolving loan fund and to pay reasonable administrative expenses. The revolving loan fund will be used to make loans to eligible applicants for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The CONACT defines an "eligible individual" as a person who is a member of a household in which all members have a combined income that is 100 percent or less of the median non-metropolitan household income for the State or territory in which the person resides. The combined household income must be for the most recent 12-month period for which the information is available, according to the most recent decennial census of the United States. The maximum statutory limit per loan per household water well system is \$8,000.

Due to similar project activities and a limited area of potential effect of most HWWSP loan approval actions, RUS prepared and published, on September 30, 2004 (69 FR 58389), a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to evaluate two Federal actions related to the HWWSP:

(1) Grants awarded by RUS to eligible grant recipients; and (2) Loans made by the grant recipient to eligible loan recipients using the direct or indirect proceeds of a HWWSP grant awarded under this program.

The PEA was available for a 30-day review and comment period; only one comment was received. The comment related to loan recipients and potential construction (as defined in the HWWSP) in special flood hazard areas identified as Zone A or V by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The commenter was concerned whether loan proceeds could be used in conjunction with the construction of new homes and, if so, that the construction should be evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and other applicable requirements. The HWWSP's authorizing legislative is clear that eligible individuals are limited by definition to the following: 7 CFR 1776.3, "Construction means building or assembling a water well system or portion thereof that is *not* a water well system or portion thereof being constructed in connection with a

new building (emphasis added).” In addition, 7 CFR 1776.14(d), states that “The water well system being funded from the proceeds of the HWWSP loan may not be associated with the construction of a new dwelling.” RUS feels that language in the HWWSP is adequate to preclude the construction of new houses in special flood hazard areas.

RUS has determined that the PEA was prepared and reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR part 1500); and 7 CFR 1794, RUS’ Environmental Policies and Procedures and that the HWWSP will not have a significant impact on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The mitigation measures identified in the PEA will be incorporated in executed grant agreements. The mitigation measures are as follows:

1. Floodplains

The grant recipient will complete FEMA Form 81-93, Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form for all loans. If a household is located in a special flood hazard area (Code A and V), the revolving loan fund recipient must have flood insurance and the grantee shall obtain flood insurance certifications as part of the revolving loan fund closing process.

2. Water Quality Issues

HWWSP funded projects will be built by contractors that are appropriately licensed to do the work in the State where the project is located. Water withdrawal permits will be obtained as required by the appropriate State or local regulatory agency.

3. Coastal Resources

The grant recipient will obtain written approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before approving any proposed loans located in Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

Gary J. Morgan,

Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

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National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of Proposed Stockpile Disposals in FY 2005 and FY 2006

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee (co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State) is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of proposed changes in the disposal levels of excess materials under the Fiscal Year 2005 Annual Materials Plan and proposed disposal levels under the Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Materials Plan. Comments received in response to this notice will be taken into consideration by the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee when it meets to discuss recommendations to the National Defense Stockpile Manager regarding the disposition of materials in the National Defense Stockpile.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to William J. Denk, Co-chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Room 3876, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; fax: (202) 482-5650; e-mail: wdenk@bis.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact either Eddy Aparicio, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-8234; e-mail: eaparici@bis.doc.gov; or E. James Steele, Co-chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Bilateral Trade Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State, fax: (202) 647-8758; e-mail: steeleej2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended, (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), the Department of Defense (“DOD”), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military,

industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (“NDAA”) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (“the Committee”) to “advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile * * *.” The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, Treasury, and Homeland Security, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to “consult from time to time with representatives of producers, processors and consumers of the types of materials stored in the stockpile.”

In Attachment 1, the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) lists the current quantities in the stockpile inventory, the previously approved FY 2005 AMP quantities for five materials, and the proposed revisions to the FY 2005 AMP for five materials. In Attachment 2, the proposed quantities for the FY 2006 AMP are enumerated. The Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the sale of these materials.

The quantities listed in Attachments 1 and 2 are not disposal or sale target quantities. They are only a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of each listed material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year by the DNSC. The quantity of each material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the offering as well as on the quantity of each material approved for disposal by Congress.

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of these commodities. Although comments in response to this Notice must be received by December 17, 2004 to ensure full consideration by the Committee, interested parties are encouraged to submit comments and supporting information at any time thereafter to keep the Committee informed as to the market impact of the sale of these commodities. Public comments are an important element of the Committee’s market impact review process.