

nominee's name, resume, cover letter, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the name and address below.

ADDRESSES: Scott Stewart, USDA Forest Service, Office of Cooperative Forestry, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 201 14th Street SW., Mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20024 by express mail delivery or overnight courier service. Nominations sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to the following address: USDA Forest Service, Office of Cooperative Forestry, State & Private Forestry, Mailstop 1123, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori McKean, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, by telephone at 570-296-9672 or Scott Stewart, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by telephone at 202-205-1190. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations to fill five vacancies that will occur when current appointments expire in December 2016 and January 2017. One vacancy is currently available. The purpose of the Committee is to continue providing direction and coordination of actions within USDA, and coordination with State agencies and the private sector, to effectively address the national priorities for private forest conservation, with specific focus on owners of non-industrial private forest land as described in Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). These priorities include:

1. Conserving and managing working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.
2. Protecting forests from threats, including catastrophic wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, windstorms, snow or ice storms, flooding, drought, invasive species, insect or disease outbreak, or development, and restoring appropriate forest types in response to such threats, and
3. Enhancing public benefits from private forests, including air and water quality, soil conservation, biological diversity, carbon storage, forest

products, forestry-related jobs, production of renewable energy, wildlife, wildlife corridors and wildlife habitat, and recreation.

Vacancies

Members appointed to the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented, functions to be performed, and will represent a broad array of expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Representatives from the following categories will be appointed by the Secretary with staggered terms up to 3 years: (1) Non-industrial Private Forest Landowner (2 vacancies); (2) Private Forestry Consultant (1 vacancy); (3) Conservation District (1 vacancy); and (4) Conservation Organization (1 vacancy). These positions must be associated with such organizations and be willing to represent that sector as it relates to non-industrial private forestry. Vacancies will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

Nomination and Application Instructions

The appointment of members to the Committee is made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above vacancies on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. To be considered for membership, nominees must provide the following—

1. A resume showing past experience in working successfully as part of a group working on issues and priorities related to the vacancies;
2. A cover letter with a rationale for serving on the Committee and what you can contribute;
3. A completed Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information. The Form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contacts or from the following Web sites: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/> and <http://www.OCIO.usda.gov/document/ad-755>; and
4. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

All nominations will be vetted by USDA. A list of qualified applicants will be prepared from which the Secretary of

Agriculture shall appoint members to the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery to ensure timely receipt by the USDA. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Committee, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA 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 Departments, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: September 16, 2016.

Gregory L. Parham,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in Prineville, Oregon. The committee is authorized pursuant to the implementation of E-19 of the Record of Decision and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to promote a better integration of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities to ensure that such activities are complementary. PAC information can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All PAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Oregon State Extension Office, 498

SE Lynn Blvd., Prineville, Oregon. The Committee will also be traveling to recreation sites on the Ochoco National Forest.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. 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 at Deschutes National Forest Headquarters Office. Please call ahead at 541-383-4769 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Peer, Deschutes PAC Coordinator, by phone at 541-383-4769 or via email at bpeer@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear a presentation on climate change and water,
2. Discuss focus areas, and
3. Visit recreation sites on the Ochoco National Forest.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by October 7, 2016, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Beth Peer, Deschutes PAC Coordinator, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701; or by email to bpeer@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 541-383-4755.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: September 14, 2016.

John Allen,

Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Warm Spring Habitat Enhancement EIS—Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Jefferson County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service is withdrawing the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Warm Spring Habitat Enhancement project on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2009 (pages 52174–52175).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Woods, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, 1220 38th Street North, Great Falls, Montana 59405, (406) 791-7765.

Dated: September 14, 2016.

William Avey,

Forest Supervisor, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Scallop Advisory Panel (AP) and Plan Development Team (PDT) to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; Phone: (617) 567-6789; Fax: (617) 461-0798.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The *Scallop* AP and PDT will review Framework 28 (FW28) alternatives and analyses. The primary focus of this meeting will be to provide input on the range of specification alternatives that may be included in FW28. FW28 will set specifications including ABC/ACLs, DAS, access area allocations for LA and LAGC, hard-TAC for NGOM management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2017 and default specifications for fishing year 2018. Management measures in FW28 include: (1) Measures to restrict the possession of *shell* stock inshore of 42°20' N.; (2) measures to apply spatial management to fishery specifications (ACL flowchart); (3) measures to modify the Closed Area I access area boundary, consistent with potential changes to habitat and *groundfish* mortality closed areas. The AP/PDT may also discuss scallop related issues under consideration in *groundfish* Framework 56. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 21, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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