

participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and intentions.

*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519,553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334,1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when we can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comment on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the Draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS 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, 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

The Final EIS is expected to be released December 10, 2004.

The Sanpete and Ferron/Price District Rangers, Manti-La Sal National Forest, are the responsible officials for the EIS. They will make a decision regarding this proposal, after considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The reasons for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Dated: January 21, 2004.

**Alice B. Carlton,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393).

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-393. Topics to be discussed include: general information, possible Title II projects, and next meeting dates and agendas.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 11, 2004, from 6 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Franklin County Public Library, 381 First Street, Meadville, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Bell Lunsford, Public Affairs Officer, USDA, Homochitto National Forest, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653 (601-384-2814) (601-660-6322).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff, Committee members and elected officials. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 5, 2004, will have the opportunity to address the committee at that session. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Gary Taylor, Acting District Ranger, DFO, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653.

Dated: February 19, 2004.

**Gary Taylor,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yakutat, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting is to continue business of the Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000. The agenda for this meeting is to review submitted project proposals and consider recommending projects for funding. Project proposals are due by March 12, 2004 to be considered at this meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 19, 2004 from 6-9 p.m. and will continue on March 20, 2004 from 9-12 a.m., if necessary.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Kwaan Conference Room, 712 Ocean Cape Drive, Yakutat, Alaska. Send written comments to Tricia O'Connor, c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 327, Yakutat, AK 99689, (907) 784-3359 or electronically to [poconnor@fs.fed.us](mailto:poconnor@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tricia O'Connor, District Ranger and Designated Federal Official, Yakutat Ranger District, (907) 784-3359.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring resource projects or other Resource Advisory Committee matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 12, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions.

Dated: February 17, 2004.

**Patricia M. O'Connor,**

*District Ranger, Yakutat Ranger District, Tongass National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Modoc County RAC meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Modoc National Forest's Modoc County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday March 1, 2004, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Alturas, California. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics for the meeting include approval of the February 2, 2004, minutes. The meeting will be held at Modoc National Forest Office, Conference Room, 800 West 12th St., Alturas, California on Monday, March 1, 2004, from 6 to 8 p.m. Time will be set aside for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Forest Supervisor Stan Sylva, at (530) 223-8700; or Public Affairs Officer Nancy Gardner at (530) 233-8713.

**Elizabeth Cavasso,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet at the USDA Service Center in Redding California, April 14, 2004, and April 28, 2004. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss proposed projects under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

**DATES:** April 14, 2004, and April 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the USDA Service Center, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, California 96002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael R. Odle, Asst. Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meetings are open to the public. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee.

Dated: February 19, 2004.

**J. Sharon Heywood,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) approval of minutes, (3) public comment, (4) Chairman report, (5) reports from Committees, (6) presentation of projects, (7) general discussion, (8) next agenda.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 11, 2004, from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail [ggaddini@fs.fed.us](mailto:ggaddini@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 9, 2004, will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: February 23, 2004.

**James F. Giachino,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Publication of the National Animal Agriculture Conservation Framework (NAACF)

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of publication.

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service is announcing the publication of the National Animal Agriculture Conservation Framework (NAACF). The NAACF presents a blueprint for assisting livestock and poultry producers with their voluntary, proactive efforts to foster environmentally sound and economically viable production.

**Location of the Document:** The document can be found on the NRCS Homepage at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/afo>, or can be obtained by hard copy from the contact address listed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Address all requests and comments to: Angel L. Figueroa, Natural Resources Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Stop Code 5473, Beltsville, Maryland 20705; telephone: (301) 504-2225; fax: (301) 504-2264; e-mail: [angel.figueroa@usda.gov](mailto:angel.figueroa@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Addressing the conservation needs of America's livestock and poultry producers is a public policy priority. The 2002 Farm Bill made clear that producers should receive assistance to improve their operations' environmental performance, address Federal, tribal, State, and local environmental regulatory requirements, and maintain economically viable operations.

In January 2003, the NRCS Chief called for NRCS State Conservationists to work with their State Technical Committees to develop State Frameworks, with the objective of meeting the conservation challenges facing animal agriculture over the next 10 to 15 years. These State frameworks provided the foundation for the development of the NAACF. The NAACF recognizes that meaningful action will take place on farms and ranches across the Nation, and that programmatic objectives and concrete goals appropriately be established at the local level in a manner consistent with the authorized and required purposes and objectives of the underlying programs. The NAACF also envisions that these locally established goals,