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UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

AGENCY: United States African Development Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) will hold its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the agency's programs and administration.

DATES: The meeting date is Wednesday, July 15th, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is 1400 I Street Northwest, Suite #1000 (Main Conference Room), Washington, DC 2005-2246.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Lingham, 202-233-8811.

Authority: Pub. L. 96-533 (22 U.S.C. 290h).

Dated: June 16, 2015.

Doris Mason Martin,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Assessment of Ecological/Social/Cultural/Economic Sustainability, Conditions, and Trends for the Lincoln National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiating the assessment phase of the Lincoln National Forest land management plan revision.

SUMMARY: The Lincoln National Forest, located in southern New Mexico, is initiating the forest planning process pursuant to the 2012 Forest Planning Rule. This process results in a Forest

Land Management Plan which describes the strategic direction for management of forest resources for the next ten to fifteen years on the Lincoln National Forest. The first phase of the process, the assessment phase, is beginning, and interested parties are invited to contribute in the development of the assessment (36 CFR 219.6). The trends and conditions identified in the assessment will help in identifying the current plan's need for change and aid in the development of plan components. The Forest hosted a series of Community Conversations with stakeholders in March 2015. Additional public participation opportunities are forthcoming to discuss the assessment process. Information on these opportunities and all future public participation opportunities will be made available on the Lincoln Plan Revision Web site (see link below).

DATES: A draft of the assessment report for the Lincoln National Forest is expected to be completed by early summer 2016 and will be posted on the following Web site, www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lincolnforestplan.

The Lincoln National Forest is currently inviting the public to engage in a collaborative process to identify relevant information and local knowledge to be considered for the assessment. Once the assessment is completed, the Forest will initiate procedures pursuant to the 2012 Planning Rule and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to prepare a forest plan revision.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or questions concerning this notice should be addressed to: Lincoln National Forest, Attn: Sabrina Flores, 3463 Las Palomas, Alamogordo, NM 88310.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sabrina Flores, Forest Planner, 575-434-7200. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. More information on the planning process can also be found on the Lincoln National Forest Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lincolnforestplan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that every National Forest System (NFS) unit develop a land management plan. On

April 9, 2012, the Forest Service finalized its land management planning rule (2012 Planning Rule), which provides broad programmatic direction to National Forests and National Grasslands for developing and implementing their land management plans. Forest plans describe the strategic direction for management of forest resources for fifteen years, and are adaptive and amendable as conditions change over time.

Under the 2012 Planning Rule, the assessment of ecological, social, cultural, and economic trends and conditions is the first stage of the planning process. The second stage is a plan development and decision process guided, in part, by the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and includes the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement and revised Forest Plan for public review and comment, and the preparation of the final environmental impact statement and revised Forest Plan, subject to the objection process 36 CFR part 219 Subpart B prior to final plan approval. The third stage of the process is monitoring and feedback, which is ongoing over the life of the revised forest plans.

With this notice, the agency invites other governments, non-governmental parties, and the public to contribute to the development of the assessment report. The assessment will rapidly evaluate existing information about relevant ecological, economic, cultural and social conditions, trends, and sustainability within the context of the broader landscape. It will help inform the planning process through the use of Best Available Scientific Information, while also taking into account other forms of knowledge, such as local information, national perspectives, and native knowledge. Lastly, the assessment provides information that will help to identify the need to change the existing 1986 plan. Public engagement as part of the assessment phase supports the development of relationships of key stakeholders throughout the plan revision process, and is an essential step to understanding current conditions, available data, and feedback needed to support a strategic, efficient planning process.

As public meetings, public review and comment periods and other

opportunities for public engagement are identified to assist with the development of the forest plan revision, public announcements will be made. Notifications will be posted on the Forest's Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lincolnforestplan and information will be sent out to the Forest's mailing list. If anyone is interested in being on the Forest's mailing list to receive these notifications, please contact Sabrina Flores, Forest Planner, at the mailing address identified above, or by sending an email to lnf_fpr_comments@fs.fed.us. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), please be advised that all information provided with your comments will become part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. This includes your name and all contact information provided.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for the revision of the land management plan for the Lincoln National Forest is Travis Moseley, Forest Supervisor, Lincoln National Forest, 3463 Las Palomas, Alamogordo, NM 88310.

Dated: June 15, 2015.

Travis G. Moseley,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass National Forest; Alaska; Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Corrected Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: A Notice of Intent (NOI) was first published for this proposal in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 81210) on June 16, 2014. This NOI is being published due to the length of time that has passed since the first NOI was published, due to changes made to the Purpose and Need and Proposed Action in response to public input received during the initial scoping period, and a new Decision Maker for the DEIS and FEIS.

DATES: Comments received during the initial scoping period in 2014 will be considered in the preparation of this EIS. New or additional comments must be received by 45 days from date of publication of this Corrected NOI in the *Federal Register*. The draft environmental impact statement is

expected in November 2015, and the final environmental impact statement is expected in March 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be submitted via the project Web site at <http://go.usa.gov/Pzi>. Click on the link "Comment on Project" to submit comments and attach documents. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-alaska-tongass-sitka@fs.fed.us or sent via fax to 907-772-5996. Send written comments to Carey Case, Shoreline II Project Leader, Petersburg Ranger District, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, AK 99833.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carey Case, Shoreline II Team Leader by phone, 907-772-5906, email, ccase@fs.fed.us or by mail at 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, AK 99833. Additional information about the project and project area is available on the Internet at <http://go.usa.gov/Pzi> 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 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of this action is to manage outfitters and guides on the Tongass National Forest marine shoreline zone consistent with the 2008 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). A decision is needed to determine new outfitter and guide use allocations for the project area. This is necessary to balance commercial and non-commercial recreational opportunities and to provide and maintain high quality recreation experiences without degrading forest resources.

This action is needed to meet Forest Plan goals and objectives for recreation, tourism, and to support local and regional economies. In addition, the 2004 Shoreline ROD required a review after 5 years to determine whether to continue implementing the decision, or to supplement it. A 5-year review was never conducted; this environmental analysis is intended to fulfill the role of that review. This environmental analysis will replace the Shoreline ROD with a new Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

Since the Shoreline ROD was completed in 2004, demand for non-motorized recreation commercial services that originate in the marine shoreline zone has increased. The need for recreation commercial services has expanded both in terms of number of visitors, and the types of services being

offered. There has been an increase in the fleet of small to mid-size cruise ships desiring to guide on the Tongass, and the demand for guided big game hunting continues to grow. Also, the traditionally low-use seasons (April–May; September–October) are seeing increased use, with additional interest for commercial use in the winter use season (January–March). Six of the use areas defined in the 2004 Shoreline decision are at 80 percent or more of their allocation during one or more seasons, and operators are dispersing to areas traditionally less used. At some locations, outfitters and guides have requested to operate beyond the ½-mile zone. There is a need to revisit the decision to better align with current market demand for non-motorized commercial recreation services.

Also, in 2008, the Forest Service updated the national directives for outfitting and guiding. These updates simplified procedures and clarified policies for priority use permits governing performance, inspections, and allocation of use. Additionally, data gathered recently through monitoring and reported use by guides shows that some information used in the 2001 Visitor Capacity Analysis required updating based on information gathered through Forest Service monitoring and reported use by guides.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service is proposing to allocate a portion of the overall visitor capacity to outfitter and guide use. The 2014 Shoreline II Project Visitor Capacity Analysis (located at <http://go.usa.gov/Pzi>) establishes the total visitor capacity for the project area. Visitor capacity and the proposed allocations are described in terms of service days. A service day is defined as a day, or any part of a day, for which an outfitter or guide provides service to a client on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Service days were calculated and allocated to 48 geographic units defined as Use Areas.

The Forest Service proposes to allocate up to 80,463 service days of the total visitor capacity of 636,448 service days within the project area to outfitter and guide use. These allocations are proposed by season and Use Area. The Forest Service proposes to allocate guided brown bear hunts in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Unit 4 Game Management Unit based on the recommended number of hunts in the Alaska Board of Game Brown Bear Management Strategy (BBMS, 2000). The number of hunts will be allocated by ADF&G Guide Use Area to the spring and fall seasons proportionally based on