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Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Project Proposal/Possible Action, (5) Web site Update, (6) Update on Colusa Title III Money, (7) General Discussion, (8) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 26, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. 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) 968-1815; e-mail gaddini@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 September 23, 2005 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

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James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Rangeland Management Direction Regarding Grazing Permit Administration

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 2005, the Forest Service published a notice in the **Federal Register** with request for comment on the issuance of two (2) interim directives (IDs) to Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 2209.13, chapter 10—Term Grazing Permits and chapter 20—Grazing Agreements. These IDs established procedures and responsibilities for administering term grazing permits and grazing agreements (FR 70 41370). On that same day, several other amendments to FSH 2209.13, as well as amendments to several chapters of Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2200 on Range Management were issued. On August 19, 2005, the Forest Service published a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the IDs had been rescinded and a revised ID had been reissued on August 16, 2005. In addition, the Forest Service announced that proposed directives containing the direction removed from the two chapters had been prepared and were available for public comment (70 FR 48663). On September 2, 2005, a third **Federal Register** notice was published to correct the World Wide Web/Internet address and proposed direction that included incorrect restrictions of the base property and livestock ownership requirements (70 FR 52362). The Forest Service rescinded all of the direction referred to in these three **Federal Register** notices on September 9, 2005, and replaced it with the direction that was in place prior to July 19, 2005.

DATES: Rangeland Management direction in effect prior to July 19, 2005, in the Forest Service Manual 2200 contents, the zero code chapter, chapters 2210, 2230, 2240, 2250, and 2270; and direction in the Forest Service Handbook contents, zero code chapter, and chapters 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90 were reinstated on September 9, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Giffen, Rangeland Management Staff, USDA Forest Service, (202) 205-1455.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service directives consist of the Forest Service Manual (FSM) and the Forest

Service Handbook (FSH), which contain the agency's policies, practices, and procedures and serves as the primary basis for the internal management and control of programs and administrative direction to Forest Service employees. The directives for all agency programs are set out on the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

The FSM contains legal authorities, objectives, policies, responsibilities, instructions, and guidance needed on a continuing basis by Forest Service line officers and primary staff to plan and execute programs and activities. The FSH is the principal source of specialized guidance and instruction for carrying out the policies, objectives, and responsibilities contained in the FSM.

The Forest Service is committed to providing adequate opportunities for the public to comment on the formulation of administrative directives that are of substantial public interest or controversy, as provided in the regulations at 36 CFR part 216.

The Forest Service will make an extra effort to ensure that proposed changes in FSM 2200 and FSH 2209.13 are well communicated to the public and that the public has ample opportunity to comment on and be appropriately involved in those changes.

Therefore, the 14 amended chapters and two ID chapters issued July 19, 2005, and the two revised ID chapters issued again on August 19, 2005, are rescinded. Rangeland management direction in effect prior to the July 19, 2005 releases is reinstated in full. Comment is also no longer requested on the proposed directives. The Forest Service's objective is to clarify its rangeland management directives and explain the proposed changes while ensuring that a clear process for public comment is provided. Proposed rangeland management policy along with procedures for comment will be reevaluated prior to requesting future public comment.

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Ann Bartuska,

Acting Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming, Revised Land and Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiation to revise the Shoshone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will revise the Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Forest Plan) for the Shoshone National Forest. This notice describes documents available for review and how to obtain them; summarizes the need to change the Forest Plan; provides information concerning public participation; and includes the names and addresses of agency officials who can provide additional information.

DATES: To be most beneficial to the planning process your comments on need for change should be submitted by October 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Plan Revision, Shoshone National Forest, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414-4549. E-mail address: shoshone_forestplan@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Armel at (307) 578-1234, or Susan Douglas at (307) 578-1214, or e-mail shoshone_forestplan@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Documents Available for Review

Two documents are available for review to assist the public in commenting on the need for change. The Forest Plan Comprehensive Evaluation Report, Version 1.0, describes the current social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends for management of the Shoshone National Forest. The Need for Change Evaluation report, Version 1.0, describes the results of public input on need for change. The document has four sections. The first section discusses the preliminary need for change. The document has four sections. The first section discusses the preliminary need for change topics that were suggested. The second section identifies topics that do not require a change in current management direction, but need to be updated in the revised plan. The third section identifies a number of topics that need to be considered during the process of developing the revised forest plan. The fourth section identifies those topics that were suggested but will not be addressed in the plan revision. The Need for Change Evaluation report includes items identified by the public. Forest Service personnel, and local governments in May, June, and July. The documents are available at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/projects/planning/revision_index.shtml or by request.

Need for Change Evaluation

From discussions internally and with the public, the forest planning team identified a set of preliminary need for change questions. More information on these items and other comments are documented in the Need for Change Evaluation report. After further need for change discussions with the public through October, the Forest Supervisor will decide what need for change items will be addressed in the forest plan revision.

Preliminary Need for Change Topics

1. How should hazardous fuels, fire use, fire, and wildland urban interface areas be managed?
2. How should the spread of invasive plants be managed?
3. What areas of the Forest are suitable for the extraction of leasable, locatable, and salable minerals?
4. What special uses are suitable for the Forest, and how should they be managed?
5. What types of recreation opportunities should the Forest provide? In what areas are the opportunities suitable?
6. What areas of the Forest should have roadless access to fulfill the needs of Forest users and managers?
7. What management direction is appropriate for roadless areas and other special areas? What rivers, streams, or segments of rivers or streams are eligible for Wild and Scenic Rivers designation? What roadless areas should be recommended for wilderness designation?
8. What areas of the Forest are suitable for timber harvest? What timber harvest methods should be available? What types of timber products should be available?
9. What vegetation conditions and types of habitats should the Forest provide? What management direction, if any, should be included in the revised plan for large scale insect infestations?
10. What management direction should the plan contain for contributing to sustainable populations of native fish and wildlife species on the Forest?
11. Should the acres designated suitable for domestic livestock grazing be reevaluated?
12. Should management direction specific to highway corridors be included in the revised forest plan? If yes, what is the direction?
13. Should the direction in the current Forest plan for increasing water yield be retained?

Comment Requested

The Forest Service is seeking information and comments from

individuals, organizations, Native American Tribes, and Federal, State, and local governments and agencies on the need for change in Forest Plan direction. The Forest Service is asking for comment on the topics identified in the Need for Change Evaluation report and for other topics that individuals, organizations, tribes, and governments and agencies feel should be addressed during the revision process. If you submitted comments previously and feel they are addressed in the Need for Change Evaluation report, you do not need to resubmit your comments.

Planning Process Schedule

The revision process for the Shoshone National Forest officially begins in September 2005 with the publication of this notice of initiation in the **Federal Register**. A draft revised forest plan will be published in April 2007. The final revised forest plan will be issued for pre-decisional review in April 2008. Final plan approval is planned for September 2008.

Responsible Official

Rebecca Aus, Shoshone National Forest Supervisor at 808 Meadow Lane Ave, Cody, WY 82414-4549.

Public Participation

The revision process is designed to provide opportunities for public collaboration and open participation in the development of the revised forest plan. Additional information on the process, the documents being produced, and public opportunities to participate can be found on the Shoshone National Forest's planning Web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/projects/planning/revision/revision_index.shtml. (Authority: 36 CFR part 219)

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Rebecca Aus,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Broad Creek Watershed, Delaware

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to deauthorization of Federal funding.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service