

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (MBS) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Sedro Woolley, Washington on August 27, 2012. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review and rank 2013 Title II RAC proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mt. Baker Ranger District office located at 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, 98284. 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 the Mt. Baker Ranger District (below). Please call ahead to (360) 854-2601 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Vanderheyden, District Ranger, Mt. Baker Ranger District, phone (360) 854-2601, email jvanderheyden@fs.fed.us.

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 Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Mt. Baker Ranger District, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, 98284.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: More information will be posted on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/rac.shtml>. Comments may be sent via email to

jvanderheyden@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to (360) 856-1934. 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 the Mt. Baker Ranger District office at 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

Dated: August 8, 2012.

Jennifer Eberlien,*Forest Supervisor.*

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BILLING CODE 3410-11-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Jerome, Idaho. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review project applications for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 5, 2012, 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 319 S 417 E, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

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 the Sawtooth National Forest, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Please call ahead to (208) 737-3200 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Thomas, Designated Federal Official, Sawtooth National Forest, 208-737-3200, and jathomas@fs.fed.us. 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 Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: Review project applications for funding. The meeting agenda may be previewed at the following Web site: <http://fs.usda.gov/sawtooth>. 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. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. This time will be set aside on the agenda as Public Forum. A summary of the meeting will be posted at <http://fs.usda.gov/sawtooth> within 21 days of the meeting.

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 by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: August 9, 2012.

Sharon LaBrecque,*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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BILLING CODE 3410-11-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Markleeville, CA. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review and recommend projects authorized under title II of the Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 10th 2012 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alpine Early Learning Center, 100 Foothill Road, Markleeville, CA.

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 the Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV. Please call ahead to 775-884-8140 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Morris, RAC Coordinator, Carson Ranger District, 775-884-8140, danielmorris@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: (1) Review and recommend funding allocation for proposed projects for 2012 funding (2) Public Comment. 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 for oral comments must be sent to 1536 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV, 89701, or by email to danielmorris@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 775-884-8199. A summary of the meeting will be posted at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf within 21 days of the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: If you require sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the meeting please request this in advance by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: August 9, 2012.

David M. Palmer,

Acting District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Value-Added Producer Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: USDA announces the availability of grants through the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program for Fiscal Year 2012. Approximately \$14 million in competitive grant funds for FY 2012 is available to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. At the discretion of the Secretary, additional funds may be made available to qualified ranking applications that respond to this announcement from prior year carry-over funds.

Awards may be made for either economic planning or working capital activities related to the processing and/or marketing of valued-added agricultural products. The maximum grant amount for a planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum grant amount for a working capital grant is \$300,000.

There is a matching funds requirement of at least \$1 for every \$1 in grant funds provided by the Agency (matching funds plus grant funds must equal proposed total project costs). Matching funds may be in the form of cash or eligible in-kind contributions and may be used only for eligible project purposes. Matching funds must be available at time of application and must be certified and verified as described in 7 CFR 4284.931(b)(3) and (4). See 7 CFR 4284.923 and 7 CFR 4284.924 for examples of eligible and ineligible uses of matching funds.

Ten percent of available funds are reserved to fund applications submitted by Beginning Farmers or Ranchers and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers, and an additional 10 percent of available funds are reserved to fund applications from farmers or ranchers that propose development of Mid-Tier Value Chain projects (both collectively referred to as "reserved funds"). See 7 CFR 4284.925 and 7 U.S.C. 1632(a).

DATES: You must submit your application by October 15, 2012 or it will not be considered for funding announced in this Notice. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight by this date. Electronic applications are permitted via www.grants.gov only, and

must be received before midnight on this date.

ADDRESSES: You should contact your USDA Rural Development State Office if you have questions about eligibility or submission requirements. You are encouraged to contact your State Office well in advance of the application deadline to discuss your project and to ask any questions about the application process. You may request technical assistance from your State Office up to 14 days prior to the application deadline. Application materials are available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html.

If you want to submit an electronic application, follow the instructions for the VAPG funding announcement on <http://www.grants.gov>. If you want to submit a paper application, send it to the State Office located in the State where your project will primarily take place. You can find State Office Contact information at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html or see the following list:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400/TDD (334) 279-3495.

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, (907) 761-7705/TDD (907) 761-8905.

American Samoa (see Hawaii)

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office, 230 N. 1st Ave., Suite 206, Phoenix, AZ 85003, (602) 280-8701/TDD (602) 280-8705.

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200/TDD (501) 301-3279.

California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430 G Street, # 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5800/TDD (530) 792-5848.

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office, Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room 2300, PO Box 25426, Denver, CO 80225-0426, (720) 544-2903.

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands-CNMI (see Hawaii)

Connecticut (see Massachusetts)

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904, (302) 857-3580/TDD (302) 857-3585.