DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests’ Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on November 17 at 7 p.m. in Thompson Falls, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: November 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Thompson Falls Courthouse, 1111 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Hojem, Designated Federal Official (DFO), District Ranger, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 826-3821.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics include reviewing progress on current RAC projects, and receiving public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Clark Fork Valley Press, and Sanders County Ledger.

Dated: November 1, 2005.

Randy Hojem,
DFO, Plains Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in connection with possible impacts related to a project being proposed by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin Electric), of Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposal consists of the construction and operation of a coal-fired electric generation facility referred to as the Dry Fork Station, consisting of a single maximum net 385 Megawatt (MW) unit, at a site in Gillette, Wyoming, and the construction of 130 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Campbell and Sheridan counties, referred to as the Hughes Transmission Project.

DATES: December 1, 2005.

Time and Location: 9 a.m., Alaska Standard Time, by teleconference. For how to participate, please see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Southeast Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on December 1, 2005. The public is invited to participate and to provide oral testimony.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southeast Regional Advisory Council will meet by teleconference on December 1, 2005, for the purpose of reviewing and providing recommendations on proposals submitted to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, conferring on subsistence wildlife proposals, and discussing other matters affecting subsistence users in Southeast Alaska. This meeting is open to the public to provide testimony. To participate, call toll free, 1-800-369-1643. The Teleconference Leader is Mr. Bob Schroeder and the Passcode is 21119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone: (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management issues on National Forest Service lands, contact Steve Kessler, Subsistence Program Leader, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone: (907) 786-3592.

Dated: October 21, 2005.

Thomas H. Boyd,
Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

Steve Kessler,
Subsistence Program Leader, USDA-Forest Service.

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