

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, on March 31, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss project updates and proposals, information on monitoring efforts, and a timeline for the upcoming year.

DATES: Wednesday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator Ray Mooney at (530) 226-2494 or jmooney@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is 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: March 10, 2010.

J. Sharon Heywood,

Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

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projects, approval of RAC project proposals, and other RAC business. The meeting is an open public forum. Some RAC members may attend the meeting by conference call, telephone, or electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyle E. Powers, Acting Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at 208-756-5557.

Dated: March 2, 2010.

Frank V. Guzman,

Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Kootenai (KNF) and Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF); Montana, Idaho and Washington; Revised Land and Resource Management Plans**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and revised land management plans using the provisions of the National Forest System land and resource management planning rule in effect prior to November 9, 2000, for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests located in Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead counties in Montana; Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, and Clearwater counties in Idaho; and Pend Oreille county in Washington.

SUMMARY: As directed by the National Forest Management Act, the US Forest Service is preparing the revised land management plans for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests and will also prepare one Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the revised plans unless, during the revision process, the need for two separate EISs is found to be warranted. The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests comprise the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone (KIPZ). This notice briefly describes where the Forests are in this revision process and information concerning public participation. It also provides estimated dates for filing the EIS and provides the names and addresses of the responsible agency official and the individual who can provide additional information. This notice also briefly describes the applicable planning rule and how work done on the plan revision under the 2008 planning rule will be used or

modified for completing the plan revision.

The revised land management plans will supersede the current land management plans previously approved by the Regional Forester in 1987 and as amended. The amended plans will remain in effect until the revision takes effect.

DATES: Comments providing additional information for the plans will be used to develop the draft revised forest plan and EIS. This information would be most useful if received by May 15, 2010. The agency expects to complete a proposed plan and draft EIS by December 2010, and a final plan and final EIS by December 2011. The dates, time, and location of any open houses will be posted on the forests' Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to KIPZ, Attention: Forest Plan Revision Team, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Forest Supervisors Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815. Comments may also be sent via e-mail: rl_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Clark, revision co-team leader Idaho Panhandle National Forests, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815, 208 765-7417, laclark@fs.fed.us or Kathy Rodriguez, revision co-team leader, Kootenai National Forest, Forest Supervisors Office, 31374 U.S. Highway 2, Libby, MT 59923-3022, 406-293-6211, krrodriguez@fs.fed.us. Information on this revision is also available at KIPZ revision Web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>). Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Name and Address of the Responsible Official**

Leslie A.C. Weldon, Regional Forester, 200 E. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59807.

Nature of the Decision To Be Made

The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests are preparing an EIS to revise the current forest plans. The EIS process is meant to inform the Regional Forester so that she can decide which alternative best meets the need to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people while protecting the forests' resources, as required by the National Forest Management Act and the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act.