

operation or sustainability of a project, the Agency will not award a grant.

c. Other aspects of proposals that contain inadequacies that would undermine the ability of the project to comply with the policies of the DLT Program.

2. Applications which do not include all items that determine project eligibility and applicant eligibility by the application deadline will be returned as ineligible. Applications that do not include all items necessary for scoring will be scored as is. Please see the FY 2010 Application Guide for a full discussion of each required item and for samples and illustrations. The Agency will not solicit or consider eligibility or scoring information submitted after the application deadline.

3. The FY 2010 grant Application Guide specifies the format and order of all required items. Applications that are not assembled and tabbed in the order specified and incorrectly assembled applications will be returned as ineligible.

4. Most DLT grant projects contain numerous project sites. The Agency requires that site information be consistent throughout an application. Sites must be referred to by the same designation throughout all parts of an application. The Agency has provided a site worksheet that requests the necessary information, and can be used as a guide by applicants. RUS strongly recommends that applicants complete the site worksheet, listing all requested information for each site. Applications without consistent site information will be returned as ineligible.

5. DLT grant applications which have non-fixed end-user sites, such as ambulance and home health care services, are now scored using a simplified scoring method that finds the relative rurality of the applicant's entire service area. See the FY 2010 Application Guide for specific guidance on this method of scoring. When an application contains non-fixed sites, it must be scored using the non-fixed site scoring method.

#### D. Selection Process

1. Grants. Applications are ranked by final score, and by application purpose (education or medical). RUS selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds. RUS may allocate grant awards between medical and educational purposes, but is not required to do so. In addition, the Agency has the authority to limit the number of applications selected in any one State, or for one project, during a fiscal year. See 7 CFR 1703.127.

## VI. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices

RUS generally notifies by mail applicants whose projects are selected for awards. The Agency follows the award letter with an agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant.

RUS recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. An applicant must execute and return the agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the agreement, within the number of days shown in the selection notice letter.

### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in Section IV of this notice, and the DLT Program regulation, FY 2010 Application Guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

### C. Reporting

1. Performance reporting. All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to RUS until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project in meeting DLT Program objectives. See 7 CFR 1703.107.

2. Financial reporting. All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year in which a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. Please see 7 CFR 1703.108.

3. Record Keeping and Accounting. The grant contract will contain provisions relating to record keeping and accounting requirements.

## VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>. The DLT Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for DLT programs.

B. Telephone: 202-720-0423.

C. Fax: 202-720-1051.

D. E-mail: [dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov).

E. Main point of contact: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Mineral 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, as amended by H.R. 1424 January 3, 2008) the Lolo National Forest's Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on April 6, May 4 and May 12, 2010 at 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Superior, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** April 6, 2010, May 4, 2010 and May 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Superior Ranger District Office, 209 W. Riverside Ave. Superior, MT 59872.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Sweeney, Designated Federal Official (DFO), District Ranger, Superior District, Lob National Forest at (406) 822-4233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics for these meeting include the presentation of new project proposals and selection of proposals. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the Mineral Independent.

Dated: March 3, 2010.

Sharon Sweeney,

Designated Federal Official.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Lincoln 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 (Public Law