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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing 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 (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Lolo National Forest's Mineral County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on November 12 at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Superior, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: November 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mineral County Courthouse, 300 River Street, Superior, MT 59872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Harper, Designated Forest Official (DFO), District Ranger, Superior District, Lolo National Forest at (406) 822-4233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for this meeting include establishing operating guidelines, and discussion about funding projects. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the Mineral Independent and the Missoulian.

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Robert Harper,

Designated Federal Official, District Ranger, Superior Ranger District.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Strategic Plan (2003 Update)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the Forest Service will be updating its strategic plan over the next twelve months. The purpose of this plan is to

outline long-term goals and objectives that will help guide the agency's current actions and future plans. In the past, the Forest Service has found that public comment has been helpful in developing the strategic plan and its subsequent updates. This notice, therefore, announces the opportunity for the public to review the agency's current strategic plan and to recommend changes that should be included in the draft 2003 update.

DATES: Comments must be received, in writing, on or before December 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments for the draft 2003 update of the strategic plan to the Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, via U.S. Postal Service to Forest Service, USDA, Mail Stop 1129, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1129; via email to spra@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to (703) 605-4199. The public may inspect comments received on this notice in the office of the Director of Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment, Sixth Floor, Rosslyn Plaza, Building E, 1621 North Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209. Persons wishing to inspect the comments are encouraged to call ahead at (703) 605-4488 to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Osborne, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, (703) 605-4488; or via email at spra@fs.fed.us. Additional information concerning the strategic plan, including the current plan, may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/plan>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The intent of the strategic plan is to outline long-term goals and objectives that will help guide the agency's current actions and future plans. Management strategies are identified under each objective that provide key approaches to be used to achieve the stated goals and objectives. The draft 2003 update of the strategic plan will be developed using the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators for forest conservation and sustainable management as a framework for identifying goals, objectives, and trend indicators focused on the agency mission of sustainable resource management. Three goals are envisioned for the draft 2003 update of the strategic plan: (1) Sustaining ecosystem health, diversity, and productivity of national forests and grasslands, (2) providing the American people with a sustainable flow of goods and services, and (3) maintaining organizational capacity to deliver effective public service.

More information on the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators and on current trends in the indicators for the

United States is available at <http://www2.srs.fs.fed.us/2003/2003.htm>, the Web site for the draft National Report on Sustainable Forests. In addition, it is anticipated that the 2003 update of the Forest Service Strategic Plan will be available for public comment in spring 2003.

Dated: October 18, 2002.

Sally D. Collins,

Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a Farm Bill 2002 National Technical Service Provider Summit entitled "Expanding the Capabilities of Conservation Service on Private Lands." The purpose of this event is to initiate a Departmental dialogue with potential technical service providers. The Summit is open to the public.

DATES: The Summit will convene Thursday, November 7, 2002. Registration will start at 8 a.m., followed by a panel session. The afternoon listening session will continue until 4 p.m., with opportunities for statements on ways to successfully implement a Technical Service Provider Process.

ADDRESSES: The Summit will be held at the Jefferson Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC. Participants should enter the building through the 5th wing entrance of the South Building, located on the corner of Independence Avenue and 14th Street. Participants should note that in order to access the building, they must bring valid photo identification and allow for time to be checked in at the security station. Weapons of any type, including protective sprays, are prohibited in the building. Requests to make statements should be sent to Marilou Flores, USDA/NRCS Technical Service Provider Group. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. Written statements will also be accepted, and should be addressed to Melissa M. Hammond, Group Leader, Technical Service Provider Group, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC. Elements for which