

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Northern Hills Ranger District will also provide a letter including a description of the proposed action and soliciting comments on the proposal to local land owners, interested tribal entities, permittees that use the project area, and others who have expressed interest in projects similar to this one. A public meeting will be held at the Piedmont Fire Department in Piedmont, South Dakota during the comment period. Forest Service personnel will be on hand to answer questions about the project, and large-scale maps of the proposed action will be available for review.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

Dated: December 8, 2010.

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Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has announced its meeting dates for 2011. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing, at the pleasure of the Chair, and during the last 15 minutes of each meeting, limited to three (3) minutes per person for oral comments.

Meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated:

January 5 (first Wednesday).
February 16.

March 16.
April 20.
May 18.
June 15.
July (No Meeting).
August 17 (Summer Field Trip—TBA).
September 21.
October 19.
November 16.
December (No Meeting).
January 4, 2012 (Tentative).

ADDRESSES: Meetings will begin at 1 p.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. at the Forest Service Center, 8221 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Agendas: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance but principally concern implementing phase two of the forest land and resource management plan. The Board will consider such topics as integrated vegetation management (wild and prescribed fire, fuels reduction, controlling insect epidemics, invasive species), travel management (off highway vehicles, the new OHV rule, and related topics), and continuing access to multiple-use management of public lands, among others.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Carroll, Committee Management Officer, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 N. 5th Street, Custer, SD, 57730, (605) 673-9200.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Business-Cooperative Service****Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Business Investment Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 14, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Foore, Program Policy Advisor, Rural Development, Business and Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3201, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3201, Telephone (202) 205-0056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Investment Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0051.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2011.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Business Investment Program ("RBIP") is a Developmental Venture Capital program for the purpose of promoting economic development and the creation of wealth and job opportunities in Rural Areas and among individuals living in such areas through the licensing of Rural Business Investment Companies ("RBICs").

The information USDA seeks to collect is critical to the integrity of the process for selecting RBICs for participation in the RBIP and to the accomplishment of the objectives of the RBIP. Without this collection of information, USDA would be unable to meet the requirements of the Act and effectively administer the RBIP, ensuring safety and soundness.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Newly established, for-profit entities applying for RBIC licensure) and licensed RBICs (venture capital companies approved by USDA to participate in the RBIP).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 148.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 167.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USDA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and