

through the BLM will be available on the proposed decision under 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Because there is no administrative review of the decision, the record of decision will not be signed for a minimum of 30 days after the EPA notice of availability of this FSEIS appears in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

**A. Barron Bail,**

*Associate State Director, Oregon and Washington, Bureau of Land Management.*

Dated: January 14, 2004.

**Linda Goodman,**

*Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Prather, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and to approve project proposals for FY2004 funds regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) for expenditure of Payments to States Fresno County Title II funds.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 3, 2004 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the High Sierra Ranger District Office, Sierra National Forest, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, California, 93651. Send written comments to Robin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to [reckman@fs.fed.us](mailto:reckman@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855-5355 ext. 3341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Public sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by January 13, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Call for new projects; (2) Status report from project recipients; and (3) Public comment.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

**Ray Porter,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393. Topics to be discussed include: general information, possible Title II projects, and next meeting dates and agendas.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 10, 2004, from 6 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Franklin County Public Library, 381 First Street, Meadville, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Bell Lunsford, Public Affairs Officer, USDA, Homochitto National Forest, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653 (601-384-2814) (601-660-6322)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff, Committee members and elected officials. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by February 6, 2004, will have the opportunity to address the committee at that session. Individuals

wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Glen Gaines, Acting District Ranger, DFO, 1200 Hwy. 184 East, Meadville, MS 39653.

Dated: January 9, 2004.

**Glen Gaines,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability (NOFA).

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the availability of \$11.3 million in competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. This grant program is authorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act). The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential expenditure for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Eligible applicants include persons, States, political subdivisions of States, and other entities organized under State law. Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal entities are eligible applicants. This notice describes the eligibility and application requirements, the criteria that will be used by RUS to award funding and information on how to obtain application materials and how prior applicants may request reconsideration of existing applications under this program.

**DATES:** All applications must be postmarked or delivered to RUS or through Grants.gov no later than March 5, 2004. Applications will be accepted on publication of this notice. Comments regarding the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act must be received on or before March 23, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Paper applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1560, Room 5165, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1560.