

Wenatchee National Forests to revise their respective Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) under the 1982 planning regulations (36 CFR part 219). Initial steps of the revision process will focus on information needs, resource inventory review, organizing data, and establishing the public involvement process.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning this notice to Margaret Hartzell, Plan Revision Group Leader, Okanogan Valley Office, 1240 South Second Avenue, Okanogan, WA 98840. Send electronic correspondence on the Forest Plan Revision to r6_ewzplanrevision@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Hartzell, Plan Revision Group Leader (509) 826-3275.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Plans for the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests will remain in effect and continue to be implemented until the Forest Plans are revised. This notice addresses initiation of plan revision. Once the scope of the revision is better understood the Forests will issue a Notice to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which will initiate the National Environmental Policy Act stage of plan revision.

The Forest Service is preparing new planning regulations which may be issued while the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Plans are still in the revision process. These new regulations will reflect the latest national direction on land management planning and the Forests may consider completing the Plan Revision under the new, finalized planning regulations. It is anticipated the new planning regulations will allow such a change. An additional Notice will be issued if the Forests decide to switch to the new, final planning regulations.

Further information is available on the Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Plans Revision Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/cow>.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Linda Goodman,
Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) NRCS Representative Dave Rose, (5) Report from Monitoring Sub-Committee, (6) Doe Peak Project Proposal, (7) General Discussion, (8) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 22, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

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 matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 22, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program Preapplications for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of two individual grants: one single \$497,050 grant from the passenger transportation funds appropriated for the RBS Rural

Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and another single \$248,525 grant from the Federally Recognized Native American Tribes' funds appropriated for RBS under the RBEG program for fiscal year (FY) 2004. Each grant is to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization. These grants are to provide technical assistance for rural transportation.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of preapplications in the Rural Development State Office is May 14, 2004. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date would not be considered for FY 2004 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the pre-application package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

District of Columbia

Rural Business-Cooperative Service,
USDA, Specialty Lenders Division,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,
STOP 3225, Room 6867, Washington,
DC 20250-3225, (202) 720-1400.

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL
36106-3683, (334) 279-3400.

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office,
800 West Evergreen, Suite 201,
Palmer, AK 99645-6539.

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite
900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602)
280-8700.

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416,
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501)
301-3200.

California

USDA Rural Development State Office,
430 G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA
95616-4169, (530) 792-5800.

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office,
655 Parfet Street, Room E-100,
Lakewood, CO 80215, (720) 544-2903.

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P.O. Box 400, 4607 South DuPont

Highway, Camden, DE 19934-9998,
(302) 697-4300.

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P.O. Box 147010, 4440 NW. 25th
Place, Gainesville, FL 32606, (352)
338-3482.

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Stephens Federal Building, 355 E.
Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-
2768, (706) 546-2162.

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 311, 154
Waiuanuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720,
(808) 933-8380.

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office,
9173 West Barnes Dr., Suite A1,
Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5600.

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office,
2118 West Park Court, Suite A,
Champaign, IL 61821, (217) 403-6200.

Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office,
5975 Lakeside Boulevard,
Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290-
3100.

Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 873, 210
Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309-
2196, (515) 284-4663.

Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Suite 100, 1303 SW First American
Place, Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 271-
2700.

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office,
771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200,
Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7300.

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3727 Government Street, Alexandria,
LA 71302, (318) 473-7920.

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P. O. Box 405, 967 Illinois Avenue,
Suite 4, Bangor, ME 04402-0405,
(207) 990-9106.

Massachusetts/Rhode Island/ Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office,
451 West Street, Suite 2, Amherst,
MA 01002-2999, (413) 253-4300.

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East
Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5100.

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson
Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853,
(651) 602-7800.

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West
Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269,
(601) 965-4316.

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office,
601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade
Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO
65203, (573) 876-0976.

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P.O. Box 771, 900 Technology Blvd.,
Unit 1, Suite B, Bozeman, MT 59715,
(406) 585-2580.

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 152, 100
Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE
68508, (402) 437-5551.

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1390 South Curry Street, Carson City,
NV 89703-9910, (775) 887-1222.

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office,
5th Floor North, Suite 500, 8000
Midlantic Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054,
(856) 787-7700.

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office,
6200 Jefferson Street, NE., Room 255,
Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-
4950.

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office,
The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South
Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY
13202-2541, (315) 477-6400.

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh,
NC 27609, (919) 873-2000.

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
P.O. Box 1737, Federal Building,
Room 208, 220 East Rosser Avenue,
Bismarck, ND 58502-1737, (701) 530-
2037.

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 507, 200
North High Street, Columbus, OH
43215-2418, (614) 255-2500.

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State Office,
100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK
74074-2654, (405) 742-1000.

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office,
101 SW Main Street, Suite 1410,
Portland, OR 97204-3222, (503) 414-
3300.

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office,
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330,
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717)
237-2299.

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office,
654 Munoz Rivera Avenue, IBM
Plaza, Suite 601, Hato Rey, Puerto
Rico 00918-6106, (787) 766-5095.

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Strom Thurmond Federal Building,
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007,
Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-5163.

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 210, 200 4th
Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350, (605)
352-1100.

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300,
Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-
1300.

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 102, 101
South Main Street, Temple, TX 76501,
(254) 742-9700.

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building
1, 25 South State Street, Room 4311,
Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-
4321.

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office,
City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street,
Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-
6010.

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606

Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA
23229-5014, (804) 287-1550.

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1835 Black Lake Boulevard, SW.,
Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512-5715,
(360) 704-7740.

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, 75 High Street,
Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505-
7500, (304) 284-4860.

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point,
WI 54481, (715) 345-7610.

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 1005, 100
East B Street, P.O. Box 820, Casper,
WY 82602, (307) 261-6300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The passenger transportation portion of the RBEG program is authorized by section 310B(c)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)(2)). The RBEG program is administered on behalf of RBS at the State level by the Rural Development State Offices. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include on-site technical assistance to local and regional governments, public transit agencies, and related nonprofit and for-profit organizations in rural areas; the development of training materials; and the provision of necessary training assistance to local officials and agencies in rural areas.

Awards under the RBEG passenger transportation program are made on a competitive basis using specific selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and in accordance with section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. That subpart also contains the information required to be in the preapplication package. For the \$250,000 grant, at least 75 percent of the benefits of the project must be received by members of Federally Recognized Tribes. The project that scores the greatest number of points based on the selection criteria and Administrator's points will be selected for each grant. Preapplications will be tentatively scored by the State Offices and submitted to the National Office for review, final scoring, and selection.

To be considered "national," a qualified organization is required to provide evidence that it operates in

multi-State areas. There is not a requirement to use the grant funds in a multi-State area. Under this notice, grants will be made to qualified, private, non-profit organizations for the provision of technical assistance and training to rural communities for the purpose of improving passenger transportation services or facilities. Public bodies are not eligible for passenger transportation RBEG grants.

The information collection requirements contained within this Notice have received approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0022 (7 CFR part 1942, subpart G).

Fiscal Year 2004 Preapplications Submission

Each preapplication received in a Rural Development State Office will be reviewed to determine if this preapplication is consistent with the eligible purposes contained in section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, section 1942.305(b)(3), must be addressed in the preapplication. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and impact the overall evaluation of the preapplication. Copies of 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice. All projects to receive technical assistance through these passenger transportation grant funds are to be identified when the preapplications are submitted to the Rural Development State Office. Multiple project preapplications must identify each individual project, indicate the amount of funding requested for each individual project, and address the criteria as stated above for each individual project. For multiple-project preapplications, the average of the individual project scores will be the score for that preapplication.

All eligible preapplications, along with tentative scoring sheets and the Rural Development State Director's recommendation, will be referred to the National Office no later than June 15, 2004, for final scoring and selection for an award.

The National Office will score preapplications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G and will select a grantee subject to the grantee's satisfactory submission of a formal application and related materials in the manner and timeframe established by RBS in accordance with 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G. It is anticipated that

the grantees will be selected by July 30, 2004. All applicants will be notified by RBS of the Agency's decision on the awards.

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Dated: February 26, 2004.

John Rosso,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of grants of up to \$50,000 per application from the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2004, to be competitively awarded. For multi-State projects, grant funds of up to \$150,000 will be available on a competitive basis.

DATES: The deadline for the receipt of applications in the Rural Development State Office is June 4, 2004. Any applications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date would not be considered for FY 2004 funding.