

common EIS, regarding permits under their jurisdiction.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions.

*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519,553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after the completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d. 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comment and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The Final EIS and Record of Decision is expected to be released in August 1996. The Forest Supervisor, Chatham Area, Tongass National Forest will, as the responsible official for the EIS, will make a decision regarding this proposal considering the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Gary Morrison,

*Forest Supervisor.*

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### **Deschutes Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Deschutes PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on July 19, 1996 at the Prineville BLM office in Prineville, Oregon (3050 E.Third St.) Start time is 9:00 a.m. Agenda items include: (1) Consideration of rangelands standards and guidelines for the Province; (2) Preview of Eastside Ecosystems DEIS; and (3) Open public forum. All Deschutes Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Harry Hoogesteger, Province Liaison, USDA, Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 N.E. 3rd, Bend, Oregon 97701, 541-383-4704.

Dated: June 18, 1996.

Sally Collins,

*Deschutes National Forest Supervisor.*

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### **Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

#### **Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems: Correction**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice, correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) corrects a notice published June 10, 1996 (61 FR 29340). This action is taken to extend all dates in the submission process by 15 days and remove ineligible entities which were inadvertently included in the original notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carole S. Boyko, Rural Development Specialist, Specialty Lenders Division, Room 2245 South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-3220, telephone: (202) 720-1400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 10, 1996, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service published a notice to invite preapplications for technical assistance for rural transportation systems. As published, the notice

contains errors as to statutory reference, eligible entities, and an office address which may be misleading and is in need of clarification. In addition, it has been determined that required submission dates should be extended by 15 days.

Accordingly, the notice published June 10, 1996 (61 FR 29340), is corrected as follows:

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is July 15, 1996. Preapplications received after that date will not be considered for FY 1996 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** The address for New Mexico, page 29341, column 2, sixth down, should read: "State Director, Rural Development, 6200 Jefferson Street, NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The first paragraph, column 3, page 29341, is corrected by removing "and 310B (j)" following the words "Refer to section 310B (c)".

The second paragraph, column 3, is amended by removing the words "assisting public bodies and private" and inserting the words "assisting the private".

**FISCAL YEAR 1996 PREAPPLICATION**

**SUBMISSION:** This subsection is amended by changing the dates "July 1, 1996," "July 15, 1996," and "August 15, 1996," to read "July 15, 1996," "July 30, 1996," and "August 30, 1996," respectively.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Inga Smulkstys,

*Deputy Under Secretary, Operations and Management Rural Development.*

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### **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and recess at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 1996, at the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 S. College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a draft report on racial tensions in North Carolina. The meeting will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. to hear from invited guests, including the governor, State representatives, mayors, police and fire chiefs, redigious