respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: December 4, 2002.

Joel D. Holtrop,

Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on January 6, 2003, in Weaverville, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of title II projects under Public Law 106–393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the ''Payments to States'' Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 6, 2003, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Office of Education Conference Room, 201 Memorial Drive, Weaverville, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Garland, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, P.O. Box 68, Willow Creek, CA 95573. Phone: (530) 629–2118. E-mail: *agarland@fs.fed.us.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will discuss the environmental analysis process and project monitoring, fuels projects, and the strategy for future projects. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Bud Zangger,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on January 7, 2003, in Crescent City, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of title II projects under Pub. L. 106–393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the ''Payments to States'' Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 7, 2003, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Del Norte County Unified School District Board Room, 301, West Washington Boulevard, Crescent City, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Chapman, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501. Phone: (707) 441–3549. E-mail: *lchapman@fs.fed.us.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will discuss and prioritize project proposals submitted by the public and Six Rivers National Forest. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Bud Zangger,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

RIN 0596–AB99

National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Needed for Fire Management Activities; Categorical Exclusions

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA, and Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed National Environmental Policy Act implementing procedures; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and Department of the Interior give notice of, and request comment on, their proposal to revise their procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations. These revisions are being made to Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, chapter 30, and Department of the Interior Manual 516 DM, chapter 2, Appendix 1, which describe categorical exclusions, *i.e.*, categories of actions that will not result in significant impacts on the environment and therefore normally do not require further analysis in either an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. The proposal would add two such categories of actions to the agencies' NEPA procedures: (1) Hazardous fuels reduction activities (such as thinning overstocked stands and brush); and (2) activities for rehabilitating and stabilizing lands and infrastructure (such as reseeding) impacted by wildland fires or fire suppression. The Departments reviewed over 3,000 hazardous fuel reduction and rehabilitation/stabilization projects and concluded that these categories of actions do not individually or cumulatively result in significant effects on the human environment. The intended effect of these two categorical exclusions is to facilitate efficient planning and timely decisions concerning treatment of hazardous fuels and stabilization and rehabilitation of areas so as to reduce risks to communities and the environment caused by severe fires.

The hazardous fuels reduction categorical exclusion will only apply to projects identified in a manner consistent with the collaborative framework in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan. Moreover, these