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Janet Flanagan,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Action of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14, 2006, at Diamond Lake Resort, Oregon. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. on July 13 and begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on July 14. On July 13, the agenda includes: (1) Approval of 2005 and 2006 meeting minutes, (2) approval of RAC expenses, (3) review of past and proposed projects in Douglas County at 8:30 a.m., (4) Public Forum at 10:30 a.m., and (5) review of past and proposed projects for Lane County at 4 p.m. The agenda for July 14 includes (1) Review of past and proposed projects for Klamath County at 8:30 a.m., (2) Public Forum at 9:45 a.m., (3) review of past and proposed projects for Jackson County at 10:15 a.m., (4) Stewardship collaboration project at 2:30 p.m., and (5) closing remarks at 4:15 p.m. Written public comments may be submitted prior to the July meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Richard Sowa at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Richard Sowa; Umpqua National Forest; 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470; (541) 957-3203.

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Richard Sowa,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Umpqua National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, June 23, 2006, at the Salkum Fire Hall, 2495 U.S. Highway 12, Salkum, Wash. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: Review ongoing Title II and III projects, elect a chairperson and vice-chair, set an indirect project percentage, review summary of Title II and Title III accomplishments and make recommendations on 16 proposals for Title II funding of projects under the Secure Rural Schools and County Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All North Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 9:40 a.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5007, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

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Claire Lavendel,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Predator Damage Management in Wilderness Areas

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed directives; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is proposing to revise its directives on predator damage management in wilderness areas. Guidance to Forest officers in the management of predator damage in wilderness areas is contained in the Forest Service Manual (FSM) Title 2300, Recreation, Wilderness, and Related Resources Management and FSM 2600, Wildlife, Fish, and Sensitive Plant Habitat Management. These

proposed directives would conform agency direction regarding predator damage with provisions in an interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services Division and the USDA Forest Service. The MOU, first entered into in 1993, was renewed in 1998, and again in 2004, with minor revisions. Comments received in response to this notice will be considered in development of the final directives for predator damage management on National Forest System lands, including wilderness.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Service, USDA, Attn: Director, Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Resources, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250; by electronic mail to PDM@fs.fed.us; or by fax to (202) 205-1145. Comments may also be submitted by following the instructions at the Federal e-Rulemaking portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. If comments are sent by electronic mail or by fax, the public is requested not to send duplicate written comments via regular mail. Please confine written comments to issues pertinent to the proposed directives; explain the reasons for any recommended changes; and, where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph being addressed. The Forest Service may not include in the administrative record for the proposed directives those comments it receives after the comment period closes (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed in this **ADDRESSES** section.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on these proposed directives in the Office of the Director, Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Staff, Forest Service, USDA, 4th Floor-Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1706 to facilitate entry into the building. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Fisher, Wilderness Program, (202) 205-1414, Forest Service, USDA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Service