

4,400 feet in length. *Alternative B—Proposed Action* would begin at the Luther Pass Pump Station and end within the Forest Service campground at a connection with the B-Line Phase I replacement project. The total length of the proposed action is approximately 5,900 feet. The proposed action would begin at the pump station, generally follow the hillside contours to the south, cross Grass Lake Creek, cross South Upper Truckee Road twice, continue on to Highway 89, cross Highway 89, follow the campground access road, and end at the terminus of the B-Line Phase I replacement project that was constructed in 1996.

Alternative C—Parallel Existing Roadways would follow existing roadway rights-of-way. This alternative would use Grass Lake Road to the intersection of Highway 89. At the intersection of Grass Lake Road and Highway 89, the alternative would follow Highway 89 south to the campground access road. At this intersection, Alternative C would follow the same route as Alternative B to the project's terminus. This alternative would be approximately 16,000 feet in length. Approximately 8,700 feet of the pipeline alignment would be located within Highway 89. Of this total, approximately 60 percent (5,200 feet) would have to be located inside the fog line of the highway (within the roadway pavement). Due to the pipeline's length, additional storage capacity may be needed at the Luther Pass Pump Station to allow for the draining of the pipeline during maintenance operations. This additional storage capacity would require construction of a third storage tank, or enlargement of an existing tank. As a sub-alternative to Alternative C, the Luther Pass Pump Station may be relocated to a location near the intersection of Grass Lake Road and Highway 89. *Alternative D—No Project/No Action* would maintain the existing pipeline that was constructed in 1969. While no immediate action would occur, the continued use of the existing pipeline will increase the chances of a pipeline break. Pipeline breaks require immediate repair by the District.

Commenting: The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available for public review and comment in May 2002. The comment period on the draft statement will be at least 45 days from the date of availability published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. The final environmental impact statement and its Record of Decision is expected in October 2002.

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 EIS's 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 EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Circuit, 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 comment period so that substantive comments 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 EIS. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. It is helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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 decision will be appealable under applicable Forest Service regulations.

Dated: December 7, 2001.

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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 hold its first meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 10, 2002, and will begin at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Willows City Council Chambers at 201 N. Lassen Ave., Willows, CA.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions of all committee members, alternate members and Forest Service personnel. (2) Selection of a chairperson by the committee members. (3) Receive materials explaining the process for considering and recommending Title II projects; and (4) Public Comment. 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 10, 2001.

James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Grays Harbor Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Grays Harbor Resource Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on January 8, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Grays Harbor County Courthouse, Montesano, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and end at approximately 3:45 PM. Agenda topics are: (1) Introductions; (2) Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) overview; (3) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Roles and Responsibilities; (4) RAC Rules and Bylaws; (5) RAC Guidebook review; (6) RAC Communication; (7) Future meetings and agendas; (8) Project Process for submission; (9) County Update on Title II Projects; (10) Election of RAC Chairperson; and (11) Public comments.

All Grays Harbor Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, RAC Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA