

first time on November 26, 2001, in Downieville, California. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues relating to implementing the *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000* (Payments to States) and the expenditure of Title II funds benefiting National Forest System lands on the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Plumas and Tahoe National Forests in Sierra County.

DATES: The meeting was held November 26, 2001 from 3:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was held at the Downieville Community Hall, Downieville, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Westling, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote St, Nevada City, CA, 95959, (530) 478-6205, E-mail: awestling@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items covered included: (1) An Overview of Payments to States Act, Pub. L. 106-393 was provided; (2) Organizational guidelines for the Sierra County RAC were developed by group; (3) Planning processes for projects in Sierra County were discussed; (4) Preliminary project ideas were presented; (7) Public comment was not taken as no members of the public were still in attendance toward the end of the meeting. The meeting was open to the public.

Dated: December 11, 2001.

Steven T. Eubanks,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sierra County, CA, Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on January 14, 2002, in Sierraville, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000* (Payments to States) and the expenditure of Title II funds benefiting National Forest System lands on the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Plumas and Tahoe National Forests in Sierra County.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 4, 2002 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If a storm or other difficulty presents itself, a backup meeting date is scheduled for January 28, 2001, at the same time and location.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sierraville Ranger Station conference room, 317 S. Lincoln (Hwy 89), Sierraville, CA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Welcome and introductions; (2) Review of previous meeting, meeting minutes, and Pub. L. 106-393; (3) Presentation on National Fire Plan and other funding sources; (4) Discussion and decision on criteria for Sierra County RAC projects; (5) Presentation of project ideas; and (6) Preliminary ranking of project ideas. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided during each agenda item and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

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Steven T. Eubanks,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Withdrawal of the Regional Guide for the Southwestern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The intended effect of this action is to comply with 36 CFR part 219 section 219.35(e) which directs that within 1 year of November 9, 2000, the Regional Forester must withdraw the Regional Guide. When a Regional Guide is withdrawn, the Regional Forester must identify any decisions in the Regional Guide that are to be transferred to a regional supplement of the Forest Service directive system (36 CFR 200.4) or to one or more plans and give notice in the **Federal Register** of these actions.

DATES: This action will be effective November 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Briggs, Director of Planning; Southwestern Region; 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM. Phone: (505) 842-3292.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action accomplishes the withdrawal of the Regional Guide for the Southwestern Region. An analysis of the direction contained in the Regional Guide shows that all its applicable direction is either: (1) Already incorporated into Forest Plans, Forest Service directives, statutes or regulations; or (2) contains guidance that does not need to be brought forward as direction to facilitate forest planning. No further action is needed to complete the withdrawal of the Regional Guide for the Southwestern Region.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

James T. Gladen,

Deputy Regional Forester, For Natural Resources.

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION FROM THE REGIONAL GUIDE FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Standards/Guidelines From Regional Guide	Addressed in
Watershed Management	
1. Use the watershed condition index to rate ecosystems and watersheds as being in optimum, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory condition.	Forest Plans. Direction is obsolete, and will be updated in revised Forest Plans. Replaced by FSM 2510.42 and 2510.43 (R3 Suppl). Also see FSM 1922.15(20).
2. Manage terrestrial ecosystem and watersheds to maintain satisfactory conditions for the productivity and protection of watersheds. Improve those watersheds where conditions are unsatisfactory.	Forest Plans, and FSM 2522.11.