

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, January 11, 2002, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During this meeting committee members will discuss committee organization, adopt bylaws, choose a committee chairperson, and set the specific agenda for the January 31, 2002 meeting. All Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

**Sonny J. O'Neal,***Forest Supervisor, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.*

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**BILLING CODE 3410-11-M****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 31, 2002, at the Wenatchee National Forest Service headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Committee members will review projects proposed under Resource Advisory Committee consideration under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. All Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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**BILLING CODE 3410-11-M****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at the Skamania County Public Works Department basement located in the Courthouse Annex, 170 NW. Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, Washington. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- (1) Provide committee members with the rules and regulations that govern it, and its role,
- (2) Discuss the project approval process,
- (3) Elect a committee chair, and
- (4) Provide for a Public Open Forum.

All South 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 as part of agenda item (4) for this meeting. 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 Tom Knappenberger, Public Affairs Officer, at (360) 891-5005, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

**Claire Lavendel,***Forest Supervisor.*

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**BILLING CODE 3410-11-M****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Natural Resources Conservation Service****Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality****AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues relating to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The meeting will convene Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at 9 a.m., and continue until 4 p.m. The meeting will resume Thursday, January 17, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service, at the address below, on or before January 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suite Hotel Phoenix-Scottsdale at the Stonecreek Golf Course, 4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway South, Phoenix, Arizona 85032; telephone: (602) 765-5800. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Beth Sauerhaft, USDA-NRCS, PO Box 2890, Room 6158, Washington, DC 20013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions or comments should be directed to Beth Sauerhaft, Designated Federal Official; telephone: (202) 720-8578; fax: (202) 720-2646; email: [beth.sauerhaft@usda.gov](mailto:beth.sauerhaft@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality, including any revised agendas for the January 16 and 17, 2002, meeting that occur after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqtf.html>.

**Draft Agenda of the January 16 and 17 Meeting**

- A. Welcome to Phoenix, Arizona  
1. Arizona State Official  
B. Approve minutes of the Denver, Colorado, July 18–19, 2001, AAQTF meeting.  
C. EPA Update
- National Academy of Sciences Scientific Assessment update
  - Confined Animal Feeding
- Operation issues
- Status of residue burning issues
  - Status of Agricultural Voluntary
- Compliance policy
- D. Subcommittee Business  
Research Priorities and Oversight Subcommittee
- Report on re-evaluation of research priorities
- Emissions Factors Subcommittee
- Emission Factor Survey results
  - Concentrated Animal Feeding
- Operation Subcommittee
- Update on Action Plan
- Voluntary/Incentive Based Program Subcommittee
- Follow-up Subcommittee
- Agricultural Burning Subcommittee
- E. New Topics
- Farm Bill status
  - Carbon credits trading
  - Update on selected legal actions
- F. Next Meeting, time/place
- G. Public Input (time will be reserved before lunch and at the close of each daily session to receive public comment. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes).

**Procedural**

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may present oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify Beth Sauerhaft no later than January 7, 2002. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, that person should submit 25 copies to Beth Sauerhaft no later than January 7, 2002.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Beth Sauerhaft.

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Signed at Washington, DC, on December 11, 2001.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Business—Cooperative Service****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; Comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Business and Industry Loan Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 25, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Bonnet, Senior Commercial Loan Specialist, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3221, telephone (202) 720-1804 or email

*rick.bonnet@usda.gov*. The Federal Information Relay Service on (800) 887-8339 is available for TDD users.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Business and Industry Loan Program.

*OMB Number:* 0570-0014.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2002.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

*Abstract:* The B&I Program is authorized under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed and Direct Loan Programs is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industry and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution control abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure, either through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, or making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. B&I program authority is composed of direct loan authority and loan guarantee authority. The program is administered by the Agency through a State Director serving the State.

All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the new B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations which are at 7 CFR 4279-A and B and 4287-B. The only burden associated with 7 CFR 1980-E is a small portion of B&I Direct loanmaking. 7 CFR 1951-E is used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility Loans.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals, rural businesses, for profit businesses, non-profit businesses, Indian tribes, public bodies, cooperatives.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 3.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 586.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,545 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

**Comments**

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the