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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intent To Establish Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), intends to establish the following: The Greater Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) in the Rocky Mountain Region (R2) by consolidating the Saguache-Upper Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain, and San Juan RACs; the Rural Nevada RAC in the Intermountain Region (R4) by consolidating the White Pine-Nye and Humboldt NV RACs; the National Forests in Mississippi RAC in the Southern Region (R8) by consolidating the Delta-Bienville, DeSoto, Holly Springs-Tombigbee, and Southwest Mississippi RACs; the Ottawa RAC in the Eastern Region (R9) by consolidating the Gogebic and Ontonagon RACs; the North Tongass RAC in the Alaska Region (R10) by consolidating the Juneau, Lynn Canal-Icy Strait, Yakutat, and Sitka RAC; and the South Tongass RAC in the Alaska Region (R10) by consolidating the Wrangell-Petersburg, Prince of Wales, and Ketchikan RACs. Secure Rural Schools (SRS) RACs are established pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act), as amended, and most recently authorized in accordance to the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334). The SRS RACs will operate in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the SRS RACs is to improve collaborative relationships among people who use and care for National Forests. The Secretary has determined that the work of the SRS RACs are in the public's interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. The SRS RACs are statutory committees. Additional information concerning the

SRS RACs can be found by visiting the SRS RACs website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/pts/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Juana Rosas, National Partnership Coordinator, National Partnership Office, USDA Forest Service, Yates Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mailstop #1158, Washington, DC 20250. Comments also may be submitted by email to: Juana Rosas at juana.rosas@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf/hard-of-hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish SRS RACs to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with SRS Title II of the Act. The duties of SRS RACs include monitoring projects, advising the Secretary on the progress and results of monitoring efforts, and making recommendations to the Forest Service for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the SRS RACs.

SRS RACs Membership

The SRS RACs will be comprised of no more than 15 members and no fewer than 9 members in accordance with the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the 2018 Farm Bill. Members will be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture or their designee except for RACs located in the states of Arizona and Montana where they will be approved by the Regional Forester and each will serve a 4-year term. SRS RAC memberships will be balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed. The SRS RACs shall include representation from the following interest areas:

- (1) Five persons who represent:
 - (a) Organized Labor or Non-Timber Forest Product Harvester Groups,
 - (b) Developed Outdoor Recreation, Off Highway Vehicle Users, or Commercial Recreation Activities,
 - (c) Energy and Mineral Development, or Commercial or Recreational Fishing Interests,
 - (d) Commercial Timber Industry, or
 - (e) Federal Grazing or Other Land Use Permits, or Represent Non-industrial Private Forest Land Owners within the

area for which the committee is organized.

- (2) Five persons who represent:
 - (a) Nationally Recognized Environmental Organizations,
 - (b) Regionally or Locally Recognized Environmental Organizations,
 - (c) Dispersed Recreational Activities,
 - (d) Archaeological and Historical Interests, or
 - (e) Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Horse and Burro Interest Groups, Wildlife or Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Associations.
- (3) Five persons who represent:
 - (a) State Elected Office (or a designee),
 - (b) County or Local Elected Office,
 - (c) American Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized,
 - (d) Area School Officials or Teachers, or
 - (e) Affected Public at Large.

Of these members, one will become the Chairperson who is recognized for their ability to lead a group in a fair and focused manner and who has been briefed on the mission of the RAC. A chairperson is selected by a majority of RAC members. The Committee will meet on an annual basis or as needed and determined by the Forest Service.

In the event that a vacancy arises, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) may fill the vacancy in the manner in which the original appointments were made. In accordance with the SRS Act, members of the SRS RAC shall serve without compensation. SRS RAC members may be allowed travel and per diem expenses for attendance at committee meetings, subject to approval of the DFO responsible for administrative support to the SRS RAC.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all appointments to the RACs. To help ensure that the recommendations of the RACs have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals representing minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability or age. Additionally, discrimination based on political beliefs, income derived from a public assistance program, marital status, family/parental status, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA is also prohibited by

statutes enforced by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Site

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee site.

SUMMARY: The San Juan National Forest (Forest) proposes to charge new fees at the Chimney Rock National Monument. These sites are currently in use by the public, but the Forest Service is not currently charging a fee for their use. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Significant capital improvements made in the past few years, coupled with increased visitation, support a fee. A review of visitor use data and fee collection information for existing fee campgrounds and group campgrounds on the Forest demonstrate public need and demand for the variety of recreation opportunities these facilities provide.

DATES: If approved, the new fee would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Pagosa Ranger District, Chimney Rock Fee Change Proposal, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or by emailing Paul Blackman at paul.blackman@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Blackman, District Recreation Staff, 970-264-1505 or paul.blackman@usda.gov. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the San Juan National Forest's website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Fees are based on the level of amenities and services provided, the cost of operations and maintenance, and the market assessment of similar types of

opportunities within the geographic area.

The current fee is \$12-\$16 per adult and \$6-\$8 per child which is charged by the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. The proposal will establish a new Forest Service fee of \$20 per vehicle for five days and \$10 per motorcycle for five days. Revenue from these fees will help the Forest Service and its partner, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, to provide services and amenities so visitors can continue to access and enjoy a unique and high-quality monument experience. Revenue would be directed primarily towards infrastructure maintenance and repairs, as well as Forest Service activities such as managing parking, maintaining trails, providing education, protecting cultural resources, and providing other visitor services.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed and approved by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office prior to a final decision and implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket Number: RUS-21-Electric-0020]

Badger State Solar, LLC: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting on October 26, 2021

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and hold a virtual public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a virtual public scoping meeting in connection with possible impacts related to the Badger State Solar, LLC's Alternating Current solar project (Project). The Project consists of a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

DATES: The public scoping meeting webinar will be held on October 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST via Zoom. Those wishing to attend the webinar are invited to register online at the virtual scoping meeting room website <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>. An email will be sent to registrants with information for how to access the webinar. Attendees will be able to provide spoken comments during the webinar. The virtual scoping meeting room is an interactive website which will be available throughout the public scoping period. Attendees will be able to submit written comments through the virtual scoping meeting room website. Written comments may also be submitted to BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Written requests to participate as a "consulting party" or to provide comments for consideration during the scoping process for the proposed Project must be received on or before November 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To request "consulting party" status, submit comments, or for further information, please contact: BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Project-related information will be available at RUS's and Badger State Solar's websites located at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statements>, <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>, and <https://www.badgerstatesolar.com>. This includes the Alternative Evaluation and Site Selection Studies prepared for the project. Project information will also be available at the Jefferson Public Library in Jefferson, WI; the Cambridge Community Library in Cambridge, WI and the Lake Mills Library in Lake Mills, WI.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, electronic communication is preferred because delivery of hard copies by mail may not be delivered in a timely manner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS is the lead federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1508.1(o), for preparation of the EIS. With this notice, federal and state agencies and federally recognized Tribes with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such agencies or tribes may make a request to RUS to be a cooperating agency by contacting the RUS contact provided in this notice. Designated cooperating