

public scoping meeting, at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm> at Oglethorpe Power Corporation, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia, and at the following locations:

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Warren County Public Library, 10 Warren Street, Warrenton, GA 30828, Phone: (706) 465-2656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Government agencies, private organizations, and the public, are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed projects. Representatives from the Agency and Oglethorpe will be available at the scoping meetings to discuss the environmental review process, describe the proposals, discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. As part of its broad environmental review process, the Agency must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), the Agency is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform Agency decision making in Section 106 review. Any party wishing to participate more directly with the Agency as a "consulting party" in Section 106

review may submit a written request to do so to the Agency contact at the above address.

Using information from the Alternatives Report and considering input provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, RUS and Oglethorpe, in consultation with the cooperating agencies, will determine the scope of the EIS. Notices announcing the availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers.

Any final action by the Agency related to the proposal will be subject to, contingent upon, and in compliance with environmental review requirements and will be conducted as prescribed by the Agency's environmental policies and procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: June 12, 2009.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Inc.:
Notice of Intent To Hold Public
Scoping Meetings and Prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare two Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR part 1794 in connection with potential impacts related to projects proposed by Oglethorpe Power Corporation (Oglethorpe) of Tucker, Georgia. The proposal consists of the construction of a 100-MW biomass power plant in Appling County near Baxley, Georgia. Oglethorpe is requesting RUS to provide financial assistance for the proposed action.

DATES: RUS will conduct a public scoping meeting in an open house format in order to provide information and solicit comments for the preparation of the EIS. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at (Courthouse Annex at 69 Tippins Street, Baxley, Georgia 31513; telephone (912) 367-8100) in Baxley, Georgia. All

written questions and comments must be received by RUS by July 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or for further information, contact Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

An Alternatives Report (AR) prepared by Oglethorpe will be available at the public scoping meeting, at the Agency's address provided in this notice, at the Agency's Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>, at Oglethorpe Power Corporation, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia, and at the following locations:

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Dated: June 12, 2009.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, July 23, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 23, 2009 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Room (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or

electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator
Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District,
Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 3, 2009.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

AGENCY: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee, Custer, South Dakota, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Law 92-463) and Public Law 110-343, enacted on October 3, 2008, reauthorizing and amending the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Black Hills National Forest Custer County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in Custer, South Dakota. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting on June 24, 2009 will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office at 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, South Dakota. Agenda topics will be Project status update and general business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Kolund, Hell Canyon District Ranger and Designated Federal Official, at 605-673-4853.

Lynn Kolund,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Plan Revision for the Kootenai National Forest, Montana and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of adjustment for resuming the land management plan revision process.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service is resuming preparation of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests revised land management plans as directed by the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests comprise the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone (KIPZ). Preparation of the revised plan was halted when the 2005 Forest Service planning rule was enjoined. A new planning rule (36 CFR part 219) took effect on April 21, 2008, allowing the planning process to be resumed. This notice marks the resumption of the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests plan revision process under the new planning rule.

ADDRESSES: Information on this revision is available at Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests revision Web site <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Clark, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Planning Zone (KIPZ), 83815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815, (208) 765-7417 or laclark@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notification of adjustment of plan revision process for the Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests planning zone (KIPZ) land management plan was provided in the **Federal Register**, 70 FR 28901, May 19, 2005. The plan revision was initiated under the planning procedures contained in the 2005 Forest Service planning rule (36 CFR part 219 (2005)). On March 30, 2007, the Federal district court for the Northern District of California enjoined the Department from implementing and using the 2005 planning rule until the Agency complied with the court's order regarding the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act (*Citizens for Better Forestry v. USDA*,