

ADDRESSES: The addresses for the science forum, national roundtables, and regional roundtables will be available on the planning rule Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Ecosystem Management Coordination (EMC) staff at 202-205-0895. Additional information concerning these meetings, including regional contact information, will be available on the planning rule Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 2009, the Forest Service formally announced the intent to prepare a new planning rule with the publication of a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 67165) (http://fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5110264.pdf). In line with President Obama's call for open government that is transparent, participatory and collaborative, the Forest Service is committed to actively engaging the public in the development of a new planning rule. The national science forum, three national roundtables, and nine regional roundtables are key elements in the agency's plan to provide multiple opportunities for public dialogue and collaboration to develop the proposed planning rule and DEIS. Webcasts, the posting of summaries from each session, and the planning rule blog, all hosted on the Forest Service planning rule Web site, will provide further support for a dynamic, participatory, transparent and collaborative process.

Science forum: The national science forum will provide an opportunity for scientists and other participants to share perspectives on how science can inform and form a strong basis for a new planning rule. The science forum will be open to the public and will be available over webcast. Notes from the forum will be posted to the planning rule Web site for further feedback, and will be used to frame the roundtable discussions. Further information on the design and agenda for the forum will be posted to the planning rule Web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>.

Roundtables: The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, an independent federal program, is assisting the Forest Service in

organizing the national and regional roundtables. All roundtables will be open to the public and will provide opportunities for dialogue about the nature and content of a new planning rule. Notes from each roundtable will be posted on the planning rule Web site for further feedback opportunities. The public will also be able to view parts of and provide feedback on the roundtables through remote access; details on remote access opportunities will be posted the planning rule Web site.

The Planning Rule Blog (<http://blogs.usda.gov/usdablogs/planningrule>) will provide opportunities for people who are unable to attend the roundtables to discuss the subjects covered and to provide feedback on the notes from the roundtables as they are posted to the planning rule Web site.

Summaries of the presentations and discussions that occur during each session will be produced and become part of the public record for the rule. The teams writing the proposed rule and the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will use these summaries, along with the report of individual comments expressed during the 60-day formal comment period on the Notice of Intent, in the development of the proposed rule and DEIS alternatives.

While public participation in the forum and roundtables will be a valuable source of information for the rulewriting process, we emphasize that this participation is not a substitute for the submission of written comments through the formal National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act (NEPA/ APA) processes. Any comments you wish to be considered as part of the formal NEPA/ APA process must be made by you in writing during the appropriate comment period.

Further information on the meetings, the planning rule development process, and general background information on the planning rule may be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>.

Dated: February 22, 2010.

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regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the New Hampshire Advisory Committee will convene a briefing meeting and planning meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 2010, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 207 Concord, New Hampshire 03301. The purpose of the briefing meeting is to receive presentations from experts on whether New Hampshire correctional facilities provide services to female prisoners similar to that of male prisoners. Experts will include government officials, correctional officials, academicians, and advocates on these gender disparities. The purpose of the planning meeting is for the Committee to consider its next steps.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by April 12, 2010. The address is the Eastern Regional Office, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, secretary, at 202-376-7533 or by e-mail to: ero@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, February 22, 2010.

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Coordination Unit.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and