DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability (NOA) Record of Decision (ROD) for the Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States, Including Proposed Amendments to Selected Land Management Plans

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Parker, Realty Specialist, Lands, 202–205–1196 or Ron Pugh, Planning Specialist, Ecosystem Management Coordination, 202–205–0992. USDA Forest Service, L; (Glen Parker); 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Mailstop Code: 1124; Washington, DC 20050–1124.

Correction

In the Federal Register of March 24, 2009, (73 FR 12306), on page 12307, in the ADDRESSES section, correct the Internet address to read:

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available on the Internet at http://www.corridoris.anl.gov. Printed copies will be available at one of the involved National Forest supervisor or district ranger offices in the 10 Western States.

Dated: March 26, 2009.

Gloria Manning,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations for the Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Nominations are being sought for certain positions on the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) operating in the state of Colorado for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. New members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) and serve three year terms. Appointments will begin in July 2009 when current member appointments expire.

One member is being sought to represent each of the following interests: (1) Winter non motorized; (2) Hunting/Fishing; (3) Motorized Outfitter/Guide; and (4) Affected Local Governments.

The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Recreation RAC. Current members who have only served one term may also apply.

Application packets for Recreation RACs can be obtained on the Web at http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rac-application.shtml or by e-mailing pdevore@fs.fed.us. Interested parties may also contact Pam DeVore, U.S. Forest Service, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401 or call 303–275–5135. All nominations must consist of a completed application packet that includes background information and other information that addresses a nominee’s qualifications.

DATES: All applications must be received by the appropriate office listed below on or before May 15, 2009. This timeframe may be extended if officials do not receive applications for needed positions.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit nominations to the Colorado Recreation RAC by U.S. Mail or Express Delivery: Pam DeVore, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 740 Simms, Golden, CO 80401, nominations may also be sent by e-mail to pdevore@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wanting further information regarding this request for nominations may contact the designated federal official: Steve Sherwood, Recreation RAC DFO, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401 or 303–275–5135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), signed December 2004, requires that the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provide Recreation RACs with an opportunity to make recommendations to the two agencies on certain types of proposed recreation fee changes. REA allows the agencies to use existing advisory councils, such as BLM Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), or to establish new committees as appropriate. The Forest Service and BLM elected to jointly use existing BLM RACs in the states of Arizona, Idaho, the Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. In 2006, the Forest Service chartered new Recreation RACs for the states of California and Colorado, and for the Forest Service Pacific Northwest, Eastern and Southern Regions. The Forest Service is using an existing advisory board for the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. In addition, the Governors of three states—Alaska, Nebraska and Wyoming—requested that their state be exempt from the REA–R/RAC requirement, and the two Departments concurred with the exemptions.

Members were appointed to the Colorado Recreation RAC in July 2007 for either two-year or three-year terms. The terms for the two-year members will expire July 2009. The Recreation RACs provide recreation fee recommendations to both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These committees make recreation fee program recommendations on implementing or eliminating standard amenity fees; expanded amenity fees; and noncommercial, individual special recreation permit fees; expanding or limiting the recreation fee program; and fee-level changes.

Recreation RAC Composition: Each Recreation RAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary. REA provided flexibility to modify the specified membership of the RAC “as appropriate” to ensure a fair and balanced representation of recreation interests.

(1) Five persons who represent recreation users and that include, as appropriate, persons representing—
(a) Winter motorized recreation such as snowmobiling;
(b) Winter nonmotorized recreation such as snowshoeing, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowboarding;
(c) Summer motorized recreation such as motorcycling, boating, and off-highway vehicle driving;
(d) Summer nonmotorized recreation such as backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting; and
(e) Hunting and fishing.
(2) Three persons who represent interest groups that include, as appropriate, the following:
(a) Non-motorized outfitters and guides;
(b) Non-motorized outfitters and guides and
(c) Local environmental groups.
(3) Three persons, as follows:
(a) State tourism official to represent the state;
(b) A person who represents affected Indian tribes; and
(c) A person who represents affected local government interests.

Nomination Information

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons...