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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Missouri River Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Missouri River Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a virtual meeting. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Helena—Lewis and Clark National Forest within Broadwater, Lewis & Clark, and Teton Counties, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. RAC information and virtual meeting information can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf/>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually and tentatively planned to occur via Zoom video conference. Details regarding individual participation/invitation to the meeting can be found on the website listed under **SUMMARY**. Additionally, individuals may contact the person listed in the below section titled **FOR**

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT with any questions or concerns.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chiara Cipriano, Acting RAC Coordinator, by phone at (406) 594-6497 or email at chiara.cipriano@usda.gov.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing-impaired (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: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear from Title II project proponents and discuss project proposals;
2. Make funding recommendations on Title II projects; and
3. Discuss the schedule for the next round of project solicitations and meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by September 17, 2021, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Chiara Cipriano, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena Montana, 59602 or by email to chiara.cipriano@usda.gov.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: August 31, 2021.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[RUS-21-TELECOM-0015]

Publication of Depreciation Rates

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of depreciation rates for telecommunications plant.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers rural utilities programs, including the Telecommunications Program. RUS announces the depreciation rates for telecommunications plant for the period ending December 31, 2020.

DATES: These rates are effective immediately and will remain in effect until rates are available for the period ending December 31, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel Leverrier, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, Mail Stop 1590—Room 4121, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone: (202) 720-9556, laurel.leverrier@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 7 CFR part 1737, Pre-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Insured and Guaranteed Telecommunications Loans, § 1737.70(e) explains the depreciation rates that are used by RUS in its feasibility studies. Given that approved depreciation rates per § 1737.70(e)(1) do not exist, RUS is publishing its annual median depreciation rates for all borrowers, in accordance with § 1737.70(e)(2). RUS also notes that the rates have changed only minimally from the previous year. The following chart provides those rates, compiled by RUS, for the reporting period ending December 31, 2020:

MEDIAN DEPRECIATION RATES OF RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE BORROWERS BY EQUIPMENT CATEGORY FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Telecommunications plant category	Depreciation rate
1. Land and Support Assets:	
a. Motor vehicles	18.00
b. Aircraft	11.13
c. Special purpose vehicles	12.00
d. Garage and other work equipment	10.00
e. Buildings	3.25
f. Furniture and office equipment	10.00
g. General purpose computers	20.00
2. Central Office Switching:	
a. Digital	10.00
b. Analog & Electro-mechanical	10.00
c. Operator Systems	10.00
3. Central Office Transmission:	
a. Radio Systems	10.00
b. Circuit equipment	10.00
4. Information origination/termination:	
a. Station apparatus	12.25
b. Customer premises wiring	10.00
c. Large private branch exchanges	11.90
d. Public telephone terminal equipment	12.00
e. Other terminal equipment	10.15
5. Cable and wire facilities:	
a. Aerial cable—poles	6.00
b. Aerial cable—metal	6.00
c. Aerial cable—fiber	5.10
d. Underground cable—metal	5.00
e. Underground cable—fiber	5.00
f. Buried cable—metal	5.15
g. Buried cable—fiber	5.00
h. Conduit systems	4.00
i. Other	5.00

Christopher McLean,
Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.
ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA), that a meeting of the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. (CT). The purpose is to consider topics for their next project.

DATES: The meeting will be held on: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 12:00 p.m. CT.

Join via Webex: <https://civilrights.webex.com/civilrights/j.php?MTID=m266086828fecf71c42baa6329432e1c3>.

Join via phone: 800–360–9505 USA Toll Free; Access Code: 199 769 7332#.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov or by phone at 434–515–0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is available to the public through the WebEx link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the Service with the call-in number found through registering at the web link provided above for the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the respective meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov. All written comments received will be available to the public.

Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 809–9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at the www.facadatabase.gov. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

Agenda: Thursday, September 16, 2021; 12:00 p.m. (CT).

1. Welcome & Roll Call
2. Chair’s Comments
3. Committee Discussion
4. Next Steps
5. Public Comment
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

Dated: August 31, 2021.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0912.
Form Number(s): BRD–1.

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 47,500.

Average Hours per Response: 2 hours and 37 minutes.

Burden Hours: 124,450.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting clearance to conduct the Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey (BERD) for the 2021–2023 survey years with the revisions outlined in this document. Companies are the major performers of research and development (R&D) in the United States, accounting for over 70 percent of total U.S. R&D expenditures each year. A consistent business R&D information base is essential to government officials formulating public policy, industry personnel involved in corporate planning, and members of the academic community conducting research. To develop policies designed to promote and enhance science and technology, past trends and the present