

# RUS's Role and Need for Agency Action

- Who is RUS?
  - Formerly the Rural Electrification Administration
  - Agency within the USDA
  - Delivers USDA's Rural Development Utilities Programs
  - Makes loans/loan guarantees for electric distribution, transmission and generation facilities, telecommunication facilities and water and waste water facilities
- Why is RUS involved?
  - Evaluate financing request
  - Evaluate engineering and technical aspects of the project
  - Co-lead for NEPA process

