

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, February 18, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Spring Valley Elementary School, 46655 Road 200, O'Neals, CA, two and one half miles from State Highway 41.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, USDA, Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643 (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review committee ground rules and goals; (2) review project evaluations and project list timetables; (3) review goals and objectives; (4) discuss public involvement strategies and the application process. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Delaware

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Delaware, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Delaware to issue the following new and revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG: Nutrient Management (Code 590).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elesa K. Cottrell, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Suite 101, 1203 College Park Dr., Dover, Delaware 19904-8713, telephone (302) 678-4160. Copies of the practice standard will be made available upon written request.

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Delaware.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Delaware will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Delaware regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: February 1, 2002.

Elesa K. Cottrell,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oklahoma

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oklahoma, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed change in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Oklahoma for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Oklahoma to issue new and revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The standards are Deep Tillage (324), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), and Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Waste Utilization (633), Vegetative Barrier (601), Nutrient Management (590), Tree-Shrub Pruning (660), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (450), Grassed Waterway (412), Pipeline (516), Watering Facility (614), Forest Site Preparation (490), and Tree/Shrub Establishment (612).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before March 27, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Mark Moseley, Acting ASTC (Ecological Sciences), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 100 USDA, Suite 206 Stillwater, OK 74074-2655. Copies of these standards will be made available

upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to Mark.Moseley@ok.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Moseley, 405-742-1235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Oklahoma will receive comments relative to the proposed change. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Oklahoma regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: February 1, 2002.

M. Darrel Dominick,

State Conservationist, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of grants of up to \$50,000 per application from the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2002, to be competitively awarded. For multi-state projects, grant funds of up to \$150,000 will be available on a competitive basis.

DATES: Any applications received in the Rural Development State Office after the date of this notice will be considered for funding after June 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the application package. Potential applicants located in the District of Columbia must send their applications to the National Office at:

District of Columbia

Rural Business-Cooperative Service,
USDA
Specialty Lenders Division
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room
6867
Washington, DC 20250-3225
(202) 720-1400
A list of Rural Development State
Offices follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office
Sterling Center, Suite 601
4121 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36106-3683
(334) 279-3400

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office
800 West Evergreen, Suite 201
Palmer, AK 99645-6539
(907) 761-7705

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906
(602) 280-8700

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office
700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225
(501) 301-3200

California

USDA Rural Development State Office
430 G Street, Agency 4169
Davis, CA 95616-4169
(530) 792-5800

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office
655 Parfet Street, Room E-100
Lakewood, CO 80215
(720) 544-2903

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office
P. O. Box 400
4607 South DuPont Highway
Camden, DE 19934-9998
(302) 697-4300

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office
P. O. Box 147010
4440 NW. 25th Place
Gainesville, FL 32606
(352) 338-3402

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office
Stephens Federal Building
355 E. Hancock Avenue
Athens, GA 30601-2768
(706) 546-2162

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office

Federal Building, Room 311
154 Waiianuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 933-8380

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office
9173 West Barnes Dr., Suite A1
Boise, ID 83709
(208) 378-5600

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office
2118 West Park Court, Suite A
Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 403-6202

Indiana

USDA Rural Development State Office
5975 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 290-3100

Iowa

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 873
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2196
(515) 284-4663

Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office
Suite 100
1303 SW First American Place
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 271-2700

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office
771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 224-7300

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302
(318) 473-7921

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office
P. O. Box 405
967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4
Bangor, ME 04402-0405
(207) 990-9106

**Massachusetts/Rhode Island/
Connecticut**

USDA Rural Development State Office
451 West Street, Suite 2
Amherst, MA 01002-2999
(413) 253-4300

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 324-5100

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office

410 AgriBank Building
375 Jackson Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-1853
(651) 602-7800

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Suite 831
100 West Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269
(601) 965-4316

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office
601 Business Loop 70 West
Parkade Center, Suite 235
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 876-0976

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office
P. O. Box 771
900 Technology Blvd., Unit 1, Suite B
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 585-2580

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 152
100 Centennial Mall North
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 437-5551

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office
1390 South Curry Street
Carson City, NV 89703-9910
(775) 887-1222

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office
Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22
790 Woodlane Road
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 265-3600

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office
6200 Jefferson Street, NE.
Room 255
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 761-4950

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office
The Galleries of Syracuse
441 South Salina Street, Suite 357
Syracuse, NY 13202-2541
(315) 477-6400

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office
4405 Bland Road, Suite 260
Raleigh, NC 27609
(919) 873-2000

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office
P. O. Box 1737
Federal Building, Room 208

220 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58502-1737
(701) 530-2037

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office

Federal Building, Room 507
200 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2418
(614) 255-2500

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State
Office 100 USDA, Suite 108
Stillwater, OK 74074-2654
(405) 742-1000

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office
101 SW Main Street, Suite 1410
Portland, OR 97204-3222
(503) 414-3300

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996
(717) 237-2299

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office
654 Munoz Rivera Avenue
IBM Plaza, Suite 601
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918-6106
(787) 766-5095

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 765-5163

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 210
200 4th Street, SW.
Huron, SD 57350
(605) 352-1100

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300
Nashville, TN 37203-1084
(615) 783-1300

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Suite 102
101 South Main Street
Temple, TX 76501
(254) 742-9700

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building
125 South State Street, Room 4311
P. O. Box 11350
Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350

(801) 524-4321

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office
City Center, 3rd Floor 89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 828-6010

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office
Culpeper Building, Suite 238
1606 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229-5014
(804) 287-1550

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office
1835 Black Lake Boulevard, SW.
Suite B
Olympia, WA 98512-5715
(360) 704-7740

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building 75 High Street, Room
320
Morgantown, WV 26505-7500
(304) 284-4860

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office
4949 Kirschling Court
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 345-7610

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office
Federal Building, Room 1005
100 East B Street
P. O. Box 820
Casper, WY 82602
(307) 261-6300

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements pertaining to this Notice are approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and were assigned OMB control number 0570-0024.

The RBOG program is authorized under section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 USC 1926(a)(11)). The Rural Development State Offices administer the RBOG program on behalf of RBS at the state level. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include technical assistance for business development and economic development planning.

A total of \$2,100,000 of non-earmarked funds is available for the RBOG program for FY 2002. To ensure that a broad range of communities have

the opportunity to benefit from the available funds, no grant will exceed \$50,000, unless it is a multi-state project where funds may not exceed \$150,000. Pursuant to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107-76) a total of \$3,000,000 has been earmarked for Native Americans, the Mississippi Delta area, and Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships. There is no project dollar amount limitation on applications for earmarked funds. Awards are made on a competitive basis using specific selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G, also contains the information required to be in the application package. The State Director may assign up to 15 discretionary points to an application, and the Agency Administrator may assign up to 20 additional discretionary points based on geographic distribution of funds, special importance for implementation of a strategic plan in partnership with other organizations, or extraordinary potential for success due to superior project plans or qualifications of the grantee. The projects that score the greatest number of points based on the selection criteria and discretionary points will be selected. Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Offices and submitted to the National Office for review, final scoring, and selection.

The National Office will review the scores based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. All applicants will be notified by RBS of the Agency decision on the awards.

Dated: February 14, 2002.

John Rosso,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from