

DATES: Transition is effective immediately upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, July 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to; Forest Plan Revision, National Forests in Mississippi, 100 West Capitol Street, Suite 1141, Jackson, MS 39269. Electronic mail should include "Forest Plan Revision" in the subject line and be sent to: Mississippi_Plan@fs.fed.us. Forest plan revision World Wide Web internet address is: http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/mississippi/forest_plan/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Long, Planning Team Leader, National Forests in Mississippi, (601) 965-4391; TTY (601) 965-6038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bienville, Delta, De Soto, Holly Springs, Homochitto, and Tombigbee National Forests are managed as a single administrative unit (National Forests in Mississippi). In December of 1999, the National Forests in Mississippi formally initiated its land management plan revision process with publication of a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for plan revision (64 FR 69686, December 14, 1999). After that initiation, several delays were experienced due to budget and administrative matters. In anticipation of funding becoming available in fiscal year 2004, the National Forests in Mississippi published a second (or revised) notice of intent in September 2003 (68 FR 55576, September 26, 2003). When plan revision began again in earnest in 2004, the National Forests in Mississippi resumed formal public involvement activities including hosting "open houses" in September and October 2004 around the state. There has been considerable public participation and collaborative work on this planning process over the past few years, including more than 35 public meetings to date. Input from previous public involvement will continue to be considered along with additional (ongoing) collaborative efforts during development of the plan revision components under the January 5, 2005, Planning Rule (70 FR 1023, January 5, 2005).

The plan revision process will continue to be an open planning process with numerous opportunities for the public to obtain information, provide comment, or participate in collaborative stakeholder activities. Options for the public include any of the following methods:

(1) Reviewing and commenting on the preliminary plan components, analysis

results, and supporting maps posted on our Web site,

- (2) Attending open house meetings,
- (3) Requesting planning team presentations to specific groups,
- (4) Newsletters, or
- (5) Providing input during formal comment periods.

The focal points of the future collaborative work will be:

(1) Review and adjustment of the preliminary proposed action (desired conditions and suitability of land areas for various purposes) and identification of options.

(2) Development of management objectives to assist in attaining or maintaining desired conditions.

(3) Formulation of guidelines to serve as operational controls to help ensure projects move toward or maintain desired conditions.

(4) Development of the plan monitoring framework and environmental management system to guide adaptive management. We expect to complete this phase of collaboration during the fall of 2005.

Our remaining forest plan revision schedule will be approximately as follows:

(1) Release of draft forest plan and start of 90-day public comment period, spring 2006,

(2) Release of final plans and start of 30-day objection period, fall 2006,

(3) Final decision and start of plan implementation, winter 2006.

Antoine L. Dixon, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Mississippi, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)).

(Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i), 70 FR 1023, January 5, 2005)

Dated: July 15, 2005.

Antoine L. Dixon,

Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Mississippi.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Invitation for Nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces an

invitation from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture for nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

On November 24, 2004, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the Advisory Committee charter for another 2 years. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, *etc.*, of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics.

DATES: Nominations must be received by August 26, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be mailed to Carol House, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5041A South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000. In addition, nominations may be mailed electronically to hq_aa@nass.usda.gov. In addition to mailed correspondence to the addresses listed above, nominations may also be faxed to (202) 720-9013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol House, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Nominations should include the following information: name, title, organization, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Each person nominated is required to complete an Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form. This form may be requested by telephone, fax, or e-mail using the information above. Forms will also be available from the NASS home page <http://www.usda.gov/nass> by selecting "Agency Information," "Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics." Completed forms may be faxed to the number above, mailed, or completed and e-mailed directly from the Internet site.

The Committee draws on the experience and expertise of its members to form a collective judgment concerning agriculture data collected and the statistics issued by NASS. This input is vital to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment and keep NASS informed of emerging issues

in the agriculture community that can affect agriculture statistics activities.

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, consists of 25 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, representatives of national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

Members serve staggered 2-year terms, with terms for half of the Committee members expiring in any given year. Nominations are being sought for 13 open Committee seats. Members can serve up to 3 terms for a total of 6 consecutive years. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by members to serve a 1-year term.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the agricultural statistics program of NASS, and such other matters as it may deem advisable, or which the Secretary of Agriculture; Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; or the Administrator of NASS may request. The Committee will meet at least annually. All meetings are open to the public. Committee members are reimbursed for official travel expenses only.

Send questions, comments, and requests for additional information to the e-mail address, fax number, or address listed above.

Signed in Washington, DC, July 8, 2005.

R. Ronald Bosecker,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed, Washington County, AR

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of Lake Prairie Grove, Multiple Purpose Structure No. 4, Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed, Washington County, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225, phone (501) 301-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The purpose of this project is to provide for the rehabilitation of the multiple purpose flood control and water supply structure No. 4 located southwest of Prairie Grove, Arkansas in the Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed. The planned works of rehabilitation includes raising the dam height, adding a structural auxiliary spillway, and modifying the existing auxiliary spillway.

A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available at the above address to fill single copy requests. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Bob Fooks, Acting Assistant State Conservationist Natural Resources Planning, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol

Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225, phone (501) 301-3143.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 11, 2005.

Kalven L. Trice,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Statement; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has prepared an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, the implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NRCS policy. The St. George and Washington Canal Washington Fields Pipeline Project is a federally assisted action authorized as a Congressional Earmark under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004. The Environmental Assessment was developed in coordination with the Washington County Water Conservancy District and the Bureau of Land Management. Upon review of the Environmental Assessment, the State Conservationist for NRCS, Utah, made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the determination was made that no environmental impact statement is required to support the project. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the St. George and Washington Canal Washington Fields Pipeline Project. Written comments regarding this action may be submitted to: Sylvia Gillen, State Conservationist, USDA/NRCS, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1100. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after this notice is published.