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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service, USDA

Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan: Year 2000 Revision

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting;
request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires the Forest Service to ask for the views and suggestions of anyone "potentially affected by or interested in" the Agency's strategic plan. In addition to announcements in the popular media and outreach through a variety of networks to individuals and organizations, the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, in

partnership with Agency field personnel, will be hosting a series of public meetings to solicit input about the goals and objectives for the Forest Service Strategic Plan (GPRA 2000 Revision). This notice announces public meetings for that purpose and provides information about where to send written comments.

DATES: The public meetings will be held in Albuquerque, NM (December 1, 1998); Atlanta, GA (November 10, 1998); Chicago, IL (November 18, 1998); Denver, CO (December 3, 1998); Los Angeles, CA (October 20, 1998); Seattle, WA (October 27, 1998); and Washington, DC (November 4, 1998). Public meetings will begin at 9 a.m. at each of the above locations and continue until 4 p.m., with appropriate breaks, on the dates indicated. Additional information about who to contact for more specific information about public meetings is listed in the table under Supplementary Information.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the development of the Forest Service strategic plan may be sent to Kathryn P. Maloney, Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, USDA

Forest Service, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or via internet at <http://www.resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us>. Written comments also may be faxed to (202) 205-1546. Additional information about the current (1997) strategic plan can be found on the internet on the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff Home Page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/pl/rpa>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information concerning public meetings, contact Rod Kuhn of the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1033 or via internet at rkuhn@fs.fed.us. For additional information about submission or written comments for the Forest Service Strategic Plan (GPRA 2000 Revision), contact Nancy Osborne of the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1292 or via internet at nosborne@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Member of the public interest in attending public meeting may contact Forest Service employees at the following locations for additional information:

USDA FOREST SERVICE PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS

Location	Date	Local contact
Albuquerque, NM	December 1, 1998	Parks Hilliard—(505) 842-3202.
Atlanta, GA	November 10, 1998 ..	Bob Wilhelm—(404) 347-7076.
Chicago, IL	November 18, 1998 ..	Mike Prouty—(612) 649-5276.
Denver, CO	December 3, 1998	Pam Skeals—(303) 275-5152.
Los Angeles, CA	October 20, 1998	Mike Srago—(415) 705-2855.
Seattle, WA	October 27, 1998	Dick Phillips—(503) 808-2281.
Washington, DC	November 4, 1998	Rod Kuhn—(202) 205-1033.

Public meetings will focus on the suitability of the three goals in the Agency's current strategic plan (Ensure sustainable ecosystems; Provide multiple benefits for people within the capabilities of ecosystems; and, Ensure organizational effectiveness); the nature of the long-term priorities or objectives needed to meet those goals; what Agency managers should focus on as critical indicators of success or failure in relation to the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; the most important outcomes or future resource conditions on which the Agency should focus; and any other issues and concerns that should be considered in the development of a revised strategic plan.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Sandra H. Key,
Acting Deputy Chief, Programs and
Legislation.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and
Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of
advisory committee members and date
of first meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has decided to establish an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee) includes organizations which represent the interests affected by

the accessibility standards for electronic and information technology. This notice also announces the time and place of the first Committee meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 1998 through Friday, October 16, 1998 beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day. Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Committee will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC in the third floor training room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Wakefield, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000,

Washington, DC 20004-1111.
Telephone number (202) 272-5434
extension 39 (Voice); (202) 272-5449
(TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Copies and Electronic Access

Single copies of this publication may be obtained at no cost by calling the Access Board's automated publications order line (202) 272-5434, by pressing 1 on the telephone keypad, then 1 again, and requesting publication N-02 (Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee notice). Persons using a TTY should call (202) 272-5449. Please record a name, address, telephone number and request publication N-02. This document is available in alternate formats upon request. Persons who want a copy in an alternate format should specify the type of format (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk). This document is also available on the Board's Internet site (<http://www.access-board.gov/notices/eitaac.htm>).

Background

On August 24, 1998, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) published a notice of intent to establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations for a proposed rule addressing accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. 63 FR 45041 (August 24, 1998). The notice identified the interests that are likely to be significantly affected by the accessibility standards: Federal agencies and Federal contractors; the electronic and information technology industry; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; and other persons affected by accessibility standards for electronic and information technology.

Approximately 50 nominations were submitted. About 10 nominations were received from individual members of the public who have disabilities (or have family members who have disabilities). Nineteen nominations were received from organizations representing persons with disabilities. Three nominations were received from access consultants with experience in accessibility issues. The remaining nominations primarily consisted of organizations representing the electronic and information technology industry which includes some Federal, State, and local government entities.

For the reasons stated in the notice of intent, the Access Board has determined that establishing the Electronic and

Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee) is necessary and in the public interest. The Access Board has appointed 23 members to the Committee from the following organizations:

American Council of the Blind
American Foundation for the Blind
Arkenstone, Inc.

Association of Access Engineering Specialists

Association of Tech Act Projects

Easter Seals

Electronic Industries Alliance

FutureForms

Georgia Institute of Technology

IBM Special Needs Center

Meeting the Challenge, Inc.

Microsoft Corporation

NCR Corporation

National Association of the Deaf

National Federation of the Blind

National Industries for the Blind

National Science Foundation

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.

Trace Research and Development Center

United Cerebral Palsy Associations

WGBH National Center for Accessible Media

WebABLE! Solutions

World Wide Web Consortium, Web

Accessibility Initiative

The Board plans to involve other Federal agencies through a less formal, but certainly no less important, ad hoc committee comprised of those Federal agencies identified in section 508 (a)(2)(A) and public members of the Board. This committee will assist the Board's staff in preparing proposed and final standards. The Access Board regrets being unable to accommodate all requests for membership on the Committee. In order to keep the Committee to a size that can be effective, it was necessary to limit membership. It is also desirable to have balance among members of the Committee representing different clusters of interest, such as disability organizations and the electronic and information technology industry. The Committee membership identified above provides representation for each interest affected by issues to be discussed.

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons can attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Members of groups or individuals who are not members of the Committee may also have the opportunity to participate with subcommittees of the Committee. The

Access Board believes that participation of this kind can be very valuable for the advisory committee process.

Additionally, all interested persons will have the opportunity to comment when the proposed accessibility standards for electronic and information technology are issued in the **Federal Register** by the Access Board.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning will be provided. Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southwest Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 5,250 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. As part of its efforts to enforce fishery regulations, NOAA has included requirements that fishing vessels display the vessel's official number in a specific way. The display of the number assists law enforcement officials in monitoring fishing and other activities and to ascertain whether the vessel is participating in activities authorized for that vessel.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Recordkeeping/third party disclosure.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by