

day scoping comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in developing issues and alternatives.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues, comments should be a specific to this proposal as possible. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulatory for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

I am the responsible official for this environmental impact statement. My address is Gallatin National Forest, P.O. 130, Federal Building, Bozeman, MT 59771.

Dated: May 3, 2000.

Richard Inman,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Porter Bayou, Mississippi

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is being prepared for the New Porter Bayou Watershed, Bolivar and Sunflower Counties, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1321 Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39269, telephone 601-965-5205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project may cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an

environmental impact statement are needed for this project.

The project concerns a plan for flood prevention and drainage. Alternatives under consideration to reach these objectives include systems for channel improvement.

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. Further information on the proposed action may be obtained from Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, at the above address.

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Homer L. Wilkes,

State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Jackson, MS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of the "Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Programs Manual—Part 513: Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program"

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) seeks comments on the proposed revision of the "Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Programs Manual—Part 513: Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program." USDA asks for comments from RC&D Council members and other individuals; tribal, State, and local governments and organizations involved in either natural resource conservation or community development groups. These comments will assist USDA in policy development and implementation of the RC&D program. This manual is intended for use by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other USDA staff members, RC&D Council members, and others that either will develop RC&D applications or participate in the RC&D program.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments will be received beginning April 14, 2000. The comment period will end on June 22, 2000. All comments post-marked by June 22, 2000, will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to: Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 6013, South Building, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry D'Addio, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (202) 720-0557; fax: (202) 690-0639; e-mail: terry.daddio@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Conservation Programs Manual: Part 513—RC&D Program" is a document intended for use by NRCS and other USDA staff members, RC&D Council members, and others that either will develop RC&D applications or participate in the RC&D program. The purpose of this document is to provide policy guidance for the RC&D program, not to establish regulatory requirements. The RC&D program was authorized to encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop, and implement programs for resource conservation and development. Through the establishment of RC&D areas, the program establishes or improves coordination systems in communities and builds community leadership skills to effectively use Federal, State, and local programs for the communities' benefit.

Current program objectives focus on improvements achieved through natural resources conservation and community development. Such activities lead to sustainable communities, prudent land use, and the sound management and conservation of natural resources.

Assistance is provided, as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, to designated RC&D areas through their organized RC&D Councils (comprised of local elected officials and civic leaders). RC&D Councils, in association with local, State, and Federal governments—and other non-profit organizations—initiate and lead the planning and implementation of their locally developed RC&D area plans. Councils also obtain assistance from other local, State, and Federal agencies; private organizations; and foundations.

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Signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 2000.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodity and services listed below from nonprofit agencies

employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodity and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodity and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodity

Handle, Jack, 5120-01-032-6042

NPA: Knox County ARC, Knoxville, Tennessee

Services

Distribution/Logistics Service

Defense Supply Center—Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania North Central Region

Lansing, Michigan

NPA: Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc., Lansing, Michigan

Medical Courier Services, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4100 West 3rd Street, Dayton, Ohio

NPA: The Clovernook Center, Opportunities for the Blind, Cincinnati, Ohio

Release of Information Copying Services for the following locations:

Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 421 North Main Street, Leeds, Massachusetts

Springfield Outpatient Clinic, 1550 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts

NPA: Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Ferguson Industries for the Blind, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Leon A. Wilson, Jr.,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

"Proposed Deletion to Procurement List" Correction

In the document appearing on page 18281, FR document 00-8682, in the issue of April 7, 2000, in the third column, the listing for Enamel, Lacquer, NSN 8010-00-935-7085 should have been 8010-00-935-7075.

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Executive Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Vermont, Conference Room Number 1, One East Road, Berlin, Vermont 05601. The Committee will hold a planning meeting to discuss the status of legislative and community organization initiatives to combat harassment, plan future coordination with educational leaders, and develop its next project activity.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.