

Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110–246); the 2008 Farm Bill amended Title IX (Section 9011) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–171, commonly known as the 2002 Farm Bill). BCAP is intended to support the establishment and production of crops for conversion to bio-energy in project areas (locations) and to assist with collection, harvest, storage, and transportation of eligible material for use in a biomass conversion facility.

As a new energy program, BCAP presents an opportunity to encourage landowners and operators to produce biomass for commercial energy production in ways that both are economically and environmentally sound. CCC plans to implement BCAP by approving the best-qualifying project proposals from project sponsors and then entering into contracts with individual producers in the approved project locations.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the EIS process provides a means for the public to provide input on implementation alternatives and on environmental concerns. This notice informs the public of CCC's intention to prepare an EIS for BCAP.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 24, 2008.

Glen L. Keppy,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Public Meeting: Recreation Subcommittee of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin, Northeastern Great Basin, and Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Councils, Nevada

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (FLREA) (Pub. L. 108–447), the Recreation Subcommittee of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM)

Nevada Resource Advisory Committees will hold a meeting to discuss fee proposals to increase fees at campgrounds managed by the Forest Service in the Ely area, increase fees at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, and to initiate a meeting room reservation fee at the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center managed by the BLM Nevada Elko District Office.

DATES AND TIMES: The Recreation Subcommittee will meet on Wed., Nov. 12, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the Recreation Subcommittee will begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise listed in the final meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: Gold Coast Hotel Casino, 4000 W. Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Keleher, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone (775) 861–6628, at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FLREA directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to establish Recreation Resource Advisory Committees to provide advice and recommendations on recreation fees and fee areas in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the BLM or Forest Service. Nevada's recreation subcommittee includes members of the three existing BLM RACs and has responsibilities pertaining to both BLM and Forest Service managed Federal lands and waters according to a national interagency agreement between the Forest Service and BLM. This subcommittee will recommend new amenity fees and fee change proposals to the respective RAC(s) for each geographic region.

All meetings are open to the public. A final agenda will be available at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html>. A news release will be sent to local and regional media at least 14 days before the meeting. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish a hard copy of each agenda, should contact Barbara Keleher no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

Ron Wenker,

BLM, Nevada State Director.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

Ed Monnig,

USFS, Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Creek Site 14 Rehabilitation Project, New Creek—Whites Run Subwatershed of the Potomac River Watershed, Grant County, WV

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

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); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the New Creek Site 14 Rehabilitation Project of the New Creek—Whites Run Subwatershed of the Potomac River Watershed, Grant County, West Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Wickey, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 75 High Street, Room 301, Morgantown, WV 26505, Phone: 304–284–7540.

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, Kevin Wickey, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are to rehabilitate Site 14 to bring the site into compliance with current Natural Resources Conservation Service design criteria and performance standards. The planned works of improvement include: Raising the effective top of dam to prevent overtopping during the probable maximum precipitation (PMP) event; Installation of a new intake riser; Lining the principal spillway pipe; Installing

an impact basin; Installing an embankment surface drainage system; and Mitigating the temporary elimination of the lake's fishery.

Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Kevin Wickey.

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

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904. Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: September 18, 2008,

Kevin Wickey,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 0809241258-81264-01]

Introduction of New Application for Investment Assistance (Form ED-900)

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; introduce funding application form.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) publishes this notice to introduce its new *Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900). Previously, applicants were required to complete and submit a *Pre-Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900P), followed by an *Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900A) if EDA deemed that the proposed project merited further consideration. In addition, applicants were required to submit additional application forms to address EDA's programmatic requirements, depending on the type of funding assistance sought. The new Form ED-900 consolidates all EDA-specific requirements into a single application form. EDA will continue to require additional government-wide federal

grant assistance forms from the Standard Form 424 family as part of the application package. This change, which is effective November 1, 2008, is prospective and will not affect previously submitted applications or require the submission of new application packages.

DATES: On October 1, 2008, EDA will make available the new Form ED-900 for use by applicants seeking EDA investment assistance. There will be a one-month period to completely phase-in the use of the new Form ED-900. Applications received before November 1, 2008 using previously issued application forms may still be processed; however, beginning November 1, 2008, only the Form ED-900, along with specific forms and attachments from the Standard Form 424 family, will be accepted for consideration. This applies to any applicant that already has submitted a *Pre-Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900P). If EDA invites such an applicant's project, beginning November 1, 2008, the applicant must complete and submit the new Form ED-900, with guidance from EDA. Any applications received on or after November 1, 2008 using previously issued EDA application forms will be returned to the applicant with appropriate instructions on how to access and complete the new Form ED-900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maureen Klovers, Office of Regional Affairs, Economic Development Administration; Telephone: 202-482-2785; E-mail: mklovers@eda.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In implementing this mission pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*) (PWEDA), EDA advances growth by providing assistance to communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship, and attracts increased private capital investment. Under PWEDA, EDA provides assistance through five economic development programs that support a wide range of economic development needs: (i) Public Works, which helps support the construction or rehabilitation of

essential public infrastructure and facilities; (ii) Economic Adjustment Assistance, which provides a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance and may include Non-Construction, Revolving Loan Fund, and Design and Engineering projects; (iii) Research and National and Local Technical Assistance, which supports research projects of leading, world class economic development practices and funds information dissemination efforts; (iv) Planning, which helps support planning organizations in the development, implementation, revision or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies and includes Short-Term and State Planning projects; and (v) the University Center Economic Development Program, which is a partnership between the federal government and academia that helps to make the varied and vast resources of universities available to economic development communities.

Previously, an applicant seeking EDA funding was required to complete and submit a maximum of three EDA-specific application forms: (i) A *Pre-Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900P); (ii) an *Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900A); and (iii) a program-specific supplement to Form ED-900A. The Standard Form 424 family was embedded within the Form ED-900A and the applicable program-specific supplement.

Structure of the New Form ED-900

On October 1, 2008, EDA will introduce Form ED-900, which consolidates into a single application all of EDA's program-specific requirements contained in the ED-900P, the ED-900A, and the program-specific components to ED-900A. The new Form ED-900 is divided into lettered sections that correspond to specific EDA program components (e.g., Local or National Technical Assistance; Construction Assistance), which address all of EDA's statutory and regulatory requirements. Only the first section, Section A, solicits general information regarding a proposed project and must be completed by all applicants for any type of assistance. Section B solicits specific economic data to help EDA assess an applicant's regional eligibility for Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance, and Section C solicits information to help EDA determine the applicant's maximum allowable investment rate for Planning, Local and National Technical Assistance, University Center, or Research and Evaluation projects. Section D solicits documents from non-