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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Committee of Nine; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972, (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770-776), the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Committee of Nine.

*Date and Time:* May 9, 1995, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.; May 10, 1995, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; May 11, 1995, 8:30 a.m.—Noon.

*Place:* USDA, CSREES, 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3854 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.

*Type of Meeting:* Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.

*Comments:* The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

*Purpose:* To evaluate and recommend proposals for cooperative research on problems that concern agriculture in two or more States, and to make recommendations for allocation of regional research funds appropriated by Congress under the Hatch Act for research at the State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

*Contact person for Agenda and more information:* Dr. Walter R. Woods, Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3341, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: 202-720-4088.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 21st day of March 1995.

**William D. Carlson,**

*Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.*  
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## Forest Service

### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Amend the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Toyabe National Forest Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

Preparation of a general management plan for the Spring Mountains National Recreation area as an amendment to the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan); Toiyabe National Forest; Spring Mountains National Recreation Area; Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Act (P.L. 103-63) and 36 CFR 219.10(f), the Forest Supervisor for the Toiyabe National Forest gives notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the decision to prepare a general management plan for the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA) as an amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Toiyabe National Forest. This amendment would make specific changes in the Forest Plan, as it applies to the SMNRA. This notice includes a summary of the proposed changes to the Forest Plan, a description of the need for these changes, and a brief description of preliminary issues and potential alternatives to the proposed amendment. This notice also provides estimated dates for filing the draft and final EIS; information on future public involvement; the name and address of the responsible official; and the name of the person who can provide additional information.

**DECISION TO BE MADE:** The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area is currently managed under three separate land management plans, developed independently by different agencies under different authorities and legislation. One of these is the Forest Plan, which also provides direction for the rest of the 4.5 million acre Toiyabe National Forest. Public Law 103-63 directs the Forest Service to "develop a general management plan for the Recreation Area as an amendment to the

Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan."

In January, 1995, the Forest Service released the Analysis of the Management Situation for the SMNRA. This document reviews the best available information on the ecosystems and users of the Spring Mountains, and identifies the need for change in current management direction. Through the process of environmental analysis, the Forest Service will decide whether or not to amend the Forest Plan to address needs for change identified in the Analysis of the Management Situation. Changes are needed to:

- Meet the direction established in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Act;
- Improve ecosystem health and sustainability by protecting riparian areas, biodiversity hotspots, habitat for threatened, endangered, and candidate species, and soil and water quality;
- Establish standards and guidelines to protect heritage resources, wilderness characteristics, scenic values, and other resources affecting the public use and enjoyment of the land;
- Respond to population growth and development in Las Vegas and southern Nevada, and changes in public sentiment regarding management of the Spring Mountains;
- Identify opportunities for sustainable recreational use and development;
- Provide management direction for lands transferred to the Forest Service under the Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988;
- Establish ecosystem management as the organizing philosophy for management of the SMNRA;
- Identify goals, objectives, and desired future conditions for each ecological unit of the SMNRA;
- Respond to changes in law and direction in the eight years since the Forest Plan was approved; and
- Establish a program of monitoring and evaluation to support adaptive management of the SMNRA.

The proposed amendment would not make any changes in Forest-wide direction, or in management of other portions of the Toiyabe National Forest. No irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources (site-specific actions) will be made as a result of this decision. The Forest Plan is a programmatic document; projects to