

of Water Resources; approval from Colorado Department of Highways for any state highway redesign or access improvement; clearance from the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office; and various review, zoning, subdivision and permit approvals from Pitkin County and the Town of Snowmass Village.

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To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft environmental impact statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statement must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the Final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Anqoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close

of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when they can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

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Rural Housing and Community Development Service

Industry Interface Pilot

AGENCY: Rural Housing and Community Development Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCDS) announces a pilot test of software to provide an automated interface between RHCDS and borrowers with Multiple Family Housing (MFH) projects to exchange MFH tenant information. The objective of the automated interface is to dramatically reduce reporting burden and streamline internal processing.

DATES: Borrowers who have projects in the pilot servicing offices and wish to participate in the pilot should contact their servicing office after June 1, 1995. Servicing offices participating in the pilot will receive informational packages for distribution by June 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: RECD servicing offices participating in the pilot are as follows: RECD State Office, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

RECD District Office, 4362 North Lake Boulevard, Suite 105, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

RECD District Office, 3260 Eagle Park Drive, Suite 101C, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505.

RECD District Office, 1600 Valley River Drive, Suite 270, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

RECD District Office, PO Box Drawer 1328, 1809 Furgeson Road, Suite E, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Anderson, Senior Loan Specialist, Multiple Family Housing Servicing and Property Management Division (MHSPM), RHCDS, Room 5321 South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1611. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pilot test is scheduled to begin during June 1995, and will be conducted in five local servicing offices. The pilot will determine if software developed by RHCDS can effectively transmit tenant data from borrower management sites to the servicing office. No ending date for the pilot has been established at this time.

During a later phase of the pilot, software developed by private vendors will be permitted to transmit information through the pilot system. To assist private software developers who wish to participate in the second phase of the pilot, the RHCDS National Office will provide a copy of the official information transmission format upon request. On June 1, 1995, at 2:00 PM, a meeting with RHCDS and interested software and housing industry representatives will be held in Room 0204, South Agriculture Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, Washington, DC, to discuss the pilot and other automation issues. Any individual or group interested in MFH automation is welcome to attend.

During the pilot period, RHCDS will work closely with borrowers to assure the successful completion of the pilot. Administrative flexibility will be provided to accommodate tenant data submission in a pilot environment. Borrowers interested in participating in the pilot may contact the appropriate servicing office address above for more information.

Dated: May 19, 1995.

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Acting Administrator, Rural Housing and Community Development Service.

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