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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Public Meeting on Withdrawal; Oak Creek Canyon, AZ

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda for a forthcoming public meeting on the proposed Forest Service withdrawal application for the protection of recreational and resource values in Oak Creek Canyon near Sedona, Arizona. This public meeting will provide the opportunity for public involvement in this proposed action as required by regulation. All comments will be considered when a final determination is made on whether this land should be withdrawn.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on July 16, 1996, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Public meeting held at: Sedona Fire Department #1, 2860 Southwest Drive, Sedona, Arizona 86336.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pete Mourtsen, Coconino National Forest, (520) 527-3414 or Judy Adams, Sedona Ranger District, (520) 282-4119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal for the Oak Creek Canyon area which was published on March 23, 1994 (56 FR 13740) is hereby modified to allow for a public meeting as provided in 43 U.S.C. 1714 and 43 CFR Part 2310.3-1(2)v.

This meeting will be open to all interested persons who would like to comment in person or to submit written comments on this subject.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

All comments should be submitted to the Coconino National Forest, 2323 E. Greenlaw Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86004-1890, by July 30, 1996.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

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Acting Deputy Regional Forester.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Request for Nominations for Board of Trustees

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is requesting nominations for persons to serve as members of the National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees.

DATES: Nominations must be received in writing by July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written nominations to Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug McKalip, Legislative Affairs Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service; (202) 720-2771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Board Purpose

The National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation was authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104-127—April 4, 1996.

The National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees will be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to govern the National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation. The purposes of the Foundation are to:

(1) Promote innovative solutions to the problems associated with the conservation of natural resources on private lands, particularly with respect to agriculture and soil and water conservation;

(2) Promote voluntary partnerships between government and private interests in the conservation of natural resources;

(3) Conduct research and undertake educational activities, conduct and support demonstration projects;

(4) Provide such other leadership and support as may be necessary to address

conservation challenges, such as the prevention of excessive soil erosion, the enhancement of soil and water quality, and the protection of wetlands, wildlife habitat and strategically important farmland subject to urban conversion and fragmentation;

(5) Encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of money and real personal property for the benefit of, or in connection with, the conservation and related activities and services of the Department, particularly the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(6) Undertake, conduct, and encourage educational, technical, and other assistance, and activities that support the conservation and related programs administered by the Department (other than activities carried out on National Forest System lands), particularly the Natural Resources Conservation Service, except that the Foundation may not enforce or administer a regulation of the Department; and

(7) Raise private funds to promote the purposes of the Foundation.

Board Membership

The Board will consist of 9 voting members, each of whom shall be a United States citizen and not a Federal officer. The Board shall be composed of—

(1) Individuals with expertise in agriculture conservation policy matters;

(2) A representative of private sector organizations with a demonstrable interest in natural resources conservation;

(3) A representative of statewide conservation organizations;

(4) A representative of soil and water conservation districts;

(5) A representative of organizations outside the Federal Government that are dedicated to natural resources conservation education, and

(6) A farmer or rancher.

Service as a member of the Board shall not constitute employment by, or the holding of an office of the United States for the purposes of any Federal law.

A Board member shall serve for a term of 3 years, except that the members appointed to the initial Board shall serve, proportionally for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years, as determined by the Secretary. No individual may serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms as a member of the Board.