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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Membership

The Secretary of Agriculture has established the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board pursuant to section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), and has appointed members to the Advisory Board.

Terms of appointment are from one to three years. Each member will represent at least one of 30 areas of constituent interest, as specified in the legislation. The Advisory Board's first meeting is September 16-18, 1996 in Washington, DC. (Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 170, page 45932, Friday, August 30, 1996).

Twenty-nine members selected so far are Frank Busta, St. Paul, MN, University of Minnesota; Zerle Carpenter, Bryan, TX, Texas A&M University; Gail Cassell, Birmingham, AL, University of Alabama-Birmingham; Mary Clutter, Washington, D.C., National Science Foundation; John Dillard, Leland, MS, self-employed farmer; Dan Dooley, Visalia, CA, self-employed farmer; Kirk Ferrell, Arlington, VA, National Pork Producers Council; Hector Garza, Silver Spring, MD, American Council on Education; David Gipp, Mandan, ND, United Tribes Technology College; Jerry Don Glover, Muleshoe, TX, Texas Corn Producers Board; I. Miley Gonzalez, Las Cruces, NM, New Mexico State University; Victor Lechtenberg, W. LaFayette, IN, Purdue University; Thomas Lyon, Shawano, WI, Cooperative Resources International; Sam Minor, Washington, PA, The Springhouse Co.; Janice Nixon, Sterling, CO, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension; Russ Notar, Wheaton, MD, National Cooperative Business Association; Ralph Paige,

LaGrange, GA, Federation of Southern Cooperatives; Skee Rasmussen, Belvidere, SD, self-employed rancher; Richard Ross, Ames, IA, Iowa State University; Barbara Schneeman, Davis, CA, University of California-Davis; Ann Sorensen, Oregon IL, American Farmland Trust; Dolores Spikes, Baton Rouge, LA, Southern University and A&M College System; Joe Stewart, Battle Creek, MI, Kellogg Co; Barbara Stowe, Manhattan, KS, Kansas State University; Larry Tombaugh, Cary, NC, North Carolina State University; Ann Vidaver, Lincoln, NE, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Kaye Wachsmuth, Washington, D.C., USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service; Ronald Warfield, Gibson City, IL, Illinois Farm Bureau; Steven Watts, Colfax, WA, The McGregor Co.; and Nancy Wellman, Miami, FL, Florida International University.

Ex-Officio Members of the Advisory Board are Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman; Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, Catherine Woteki; Administrator of Agricultural Research Service, Floyd Horn; Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Bob Robinson; Administrator of the Economics Research Service, Susan Offutt; and Administrator of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Don Bay. The Executive Director of the Advisory Board is Deborah Hanfman, who formerly served as the USDA Coordinator to the President's National Science and Technology Council. Questions should be directed to the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics at (202) 720-3684.

Done at Washington, DC., this 11th day of September 1996.

Catherine E. Woteki,

*Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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### Forest Service

#### Stillwater Mining Company Tailing Impoundment Expansion, Stillwater County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, as co-lead agency with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ) will cooperatively participate in the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will disclose the environmental effects due to construction and operation of a new tailing impoundment facility located approximately 7 miles northeast of the present Stillwater Mine facility. The area involved in this proposal involves both federal land, administered by the Forest Service, and private lands over which the MT Department of Environmental Quality has jurisdiction.

The Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Custer National Forest Supervisor are the officials responsible for approving SMC's proposal to construct and operate its tailing storage facility and other associated structures which are discussed in this Scoping Statement.

The Forest Supervisor has the authority for regulating all activities and uses of National Forest system lands. The Custer National Forest Supervisor will decide whether to approve Stillwater Mining Company's amendment to their approved Plan of Operations as detailed in the Proposed Action, or whether to approve an alternative to the Proposed Action. The Forest Supervisor also has the ability to prescribe mitigation measures as conditions of approval.

**DATES:** A public meeting will be held in Absarokee, MT on September 24, 1996 in order to identify issues to be addressed in this environmental analysis. Written comments concerning the scope of this analysis must be received by October 31, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this analysis should be sent to Rand Herzberg, Beartooth District Ranger, Custer National Forest, HC 49, Box 3420, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Pat Pierson, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Beartooth Ranger District. Phone (406) 446-2103.