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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

California Spotted Owl Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; establishment and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is establishing an advisory committee to review a preliminary revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Managing California Spotted Owl Habitat in the Sierra Nevada National Forests of California. The Advisory Committee's final report is due to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than September 30, 1997. Nominations of persons to serve on the Advisory Committee are invited.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received in writing by December 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations for membership on the Committee to the Director, Land Management Planning, MAIL STOP 1104, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Stephens, Land Management Planning Staff, Forest Service, telephone: (202) 205-0948.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish a California Spotted Owl Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to review and evaluate the preliminary revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and make recommendations on how the DEIS integrates the information recently published in the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project Report (SNEP) with the forest planning alternatives. The Committee will also examine the

planning models, assumptions, analytical processes, and statistical treatment of information used to develop and support management actions in the preliminary revised DEIS. In addition, the Committee will review other scientific information brought to the Committee's attention that may pertain to the management of National Forest System lands in the Sierra Nevada ecosystem. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary on additional analysis and how the Forest Service should proceed regarding the release of a revised DEIS for public comment.

The Secretary has determined that the work of the Advisory Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture.

Membership in the Committee will consist of individuals with the scientific and analytical expertise in the areas of the California Spotted Owl, the Sierra Nevada ecosystem, silviculture, fire ecology, aquatic ecology, fur-bearers, cumulative effects, and other areas necessary to represent all aspects of resource management. Representatives from the Forest Service team which has prepared the preliminary revised DEIS, as well as other Forest Service resource specialists and scientists, will be available to serve as consultants to facilitate review. Nominations to the Committee should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Advisory Committee.

Appointments to the Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Advisory Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: November 18, 1996.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 20 and 27, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 49435 and 50804) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.