

# Notices

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## HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Annual Meeting of the Trustees and Officers of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

4:00–5:30 p.m., September 24, 1997, Room HC 6, The United States Capitol

1. Call to Order and Welcome, Vice Chairman Skelton
2. Introduction of Trustees attending their first Annual Meeting
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 1996 Annual Meeting
4. Proposal for a partnership with a consortium of institutions to increase participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the Truman Scholarship program
5. Proposal to fund an experimental Truman Scholars Alumni Program for 1997–98
6. Proposal to provide one-week Truman Scholar internships with Foundation Trustees
7. Foundation participation in the commissioning ceremony of the USS Harry S. Truman
8. Introduction of Truman Scholars working in the Washington area
9. Executive Secretary's Report including
  - Leadership at the Foundation
  - Expenditures for FY 1997
  - Status of the Trust Fund
  - Overview of the 1997 Truman Scholars Selection
  - Plans for the 1998 Truman competition
  - Truman Foundation Honor Institution awards
  - Report on the workshop Success with the Truman
10. Proposal to commission an audit of the Fiscal Year 1997 operations of the Foundation
11. New Business

## 12. Adjournment

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Committee of Scientists

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; establishment and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Agriculture is establishing a Committee of Scientists, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., to provide scientific and technical advice on improvements to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process. The Committee's report is due to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service 4 months from its initial meeting, unless additional time is needed. Nominations of persons to serve on the Committee of Scientists are invited.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee of Scientists must be received in writing by September 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee of Scientists may be sent via telefax to the Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination at (202) 205-1012 or via mail to the Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination, MAIL STOP 1104, Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Stephens, Ecosystem Management Coordination 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 Committee of Scientists. The purpose of the Committee of Scientists is to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the land and resource management planning process. The Committee will address such topics as how to consider the following in land and resource management plans:

biological diversity, use of ecosystem assessments in planning, spatial and temporal scales for planning, public participation processes, sustainable forestry, interdisciplinary analysis, and any other issues the Committee identifies as relevant to land and resource management planning.

The Committee of Scientists shall prepare a report and make recommendations to the Secretary and the Chief of the Forest Service on how best to accomplish sound resource management planning within the established framework of environmental laws and within the statutory mission of the Forest Service. The Committee's report shall be made available to the public. The Committee of Scientists shall also provide technical advice on the land and resource management planning process and provide material for the Forest Service to consider for incorporation into the revised planning regulations. The Committee shall also recommend improvements in Forest Service coordination with other Federal land management agencies or resource protection agencies, State and local government agencies, and tribal governments, in order to recognize the unique roles and responsibilities of each agency in the planning process.

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

The Committee of Scientists shall consist of no more than 12 members and a Committee chair appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Officers or employees of the Forest Service may not serve as members of the Committee. The Committee of Scientists shall be composed of representatives who can prove insights into the major contemporary issues associated with the National Forest Management Act and its implementation. Members should represent scientific specialties and academic disciplines including, but not limited to, the following fields: forest and range ecology, fish and wildlife biology, silviculture, hydrology, natural resource economics, sociology, public participation and conflict management, ecosystem management, land management planning, and natural resource law. Collectively, the members should represent a diversity of disciplines and perspectives, have a knowledge of the National Forest