

National Forest System lands, for recreation or educational purposes; special interest groups; local residents; and individuals conducting business with the Forest Service including, but not limited to, grazing permittees, minerals, oil and gas permittees, land lessees, timber customers, other forest products customers, research scientists, special-use customers, educators, librarians, historians, writers, media contacts, moviemakers, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, representatives of other Federal, State, county, or local Government agencies, and foreign governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,708 hours per year.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comment

All comments, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

Sandra H. Key,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernment Advisory Committee will meet on November 5, 1998, at the Embassy Suites Portland Downtown, 319 SW Pine Street, Portland, Oregon 97204-2726. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: continued discussion of future agenda topics; review ongoing and potential activities for the coming year; and progress reports on effectiveness monitoring and information issues. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone 503-808-2180).

Dated: October 21, 1998.

Donald R. Knowles,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on November 17, 1998 in Roseburg, Oregon at the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) local issues presentation by management representatives of the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management and Umpqua National Forest; (2) Public comment; (3) Applegate Adaptive Management Area Guide; (4) Mining and riparian area conflicts; (5) Possibly a representative from the Regional Ecosystem Office will discuss Advisory Committee questions. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone (541) 858-2322.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

Charles J. Anderson,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practice for review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include "Contour Buffer Strips", "Cross Wind Trap Strips", "Dry Hydrant", "Field Border", "Filter Strip", "Irrigation Water Management", "Residue Management, Mulch Till", "Residue Management, No Till and Strip Till" "Waste Utilization". NRCS State Conservationist's who choose to adopt these practices for use within their state will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 60-day period commencing with this date of publication. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60 day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS-CED in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquires in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture