

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 7, 1994, the Forest Service published in the **Federal Register**, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS to develop a management plan for the FC-RONRW. On January 23, 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency published a notice of availability of the draft EIS and informed the public of a 90-day review period. The review period was later extended to February 1, 1999. During the public review, 1643 comments were received on the draft.

Review of the comments received has led the Forest Service to supplement the range of alternatives, add new information and revise the management direction described in the draft EIS. The Forest Service has decided to respond to noxious weed concerns by moving forward with a separate final analysis for site specific noxious weed control. The supplemental draft EIS will analyze six new alternatives along with new information identified from public comments. The supplemental analysis will continue to be responsive to the issues identified in the draft EIS including: the acceptable level of commercial aircraft use and degree of maintenance on specific landing strips; Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) settings; determining acceptable campsite locations and conditions; and determining capacities for both river and land recreation.

The supplemental draft EIS will describe and analyze six new alternatives: two alternatives emphasize current level of use; two alternatives emphasize opportunities for noncommercial float boat use; one alternative emphasizes wilderness preservation and one alternative emphasizes private jet boat use.

The selected alternatives will result in amendments of the land use plans for the administrative units in the Forest Service within the FC-RONRW Wilderness.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Committee of Scientists Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Committee of Scientists is scheduled for June 12, 1999, in Denver, Colorado. The purpose

of the meeting is for the Department and the Forest Service to brief the committee on aspects of draft planning regulations and for the committee to compare the general themes and approaches in the draft regulations with the themes and approaches set out in the committee's March 15, 1999, report. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: A meeting is scheduled for June 12, 1999, in Denver, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Denver International Airport, 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Official to the Committee of Scientists, telephone: 202-205-1523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee of Scientists was chartered 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 National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water; Existing System North/Lyon County Phase and Northeast Phase Expansion Project

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is issuing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water Existing System North/Lyon County Phase and Northeast Phase Expansion Project. The Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ), Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508) and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR 1794). RUS invites comments on the FEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted on or before June 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

To send comments or for more information, contact: Mark S. Plank, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1649, fax (202) 720-0820, or e-mail: mplank@rus.usda.gov.

A copy of the FEIS or an Executive Summary can be obtained over the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/envIRON.htm>. The files are in a portable document format (pdf); in order to review or print the document, users need to obtain a free copy of Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader can be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Copies of the FEIS will be available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

USDA Service Center, Rural Development, 1424 E. College Drive, Suite 500, Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 532-3234, Ext. 203. Limited copies of the Draft EIS will be available for distribution at this address.

USDA Rural Development State Office, 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (612) 602-7800. Limited copies will be available for distribution at this address.

USDA, Rural Development, 810 10th Ave. SE, Suite 2, Watertown, SD 57201-5256, (605) 886-8202. Limited copies will be available for distribution at this address.

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water, East Highway 14, P.O. Box 188, Lake Benton, MN 56149, (507) 368-4248. Limited copies will be available for distribution at this address.

Marshall Public Library, 301 W. Lyon, Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 537-7003

Ivanhoe Public Library, P.O. Box 54, Ivanhoe, MN 56142, (507) 694-1555

Canby Public Library, 110 Oscar Ave., N, Canby, MN 56220, (507) 223-5738

Deuel County Extension Service, 419 3rd Ave. S, P.O. Box 350, Clear Lake, SD 57226, (605) 874-2681

Lincoln County Extension Service, 402 N. Harold, Ivanhoe, MN 56142, (507) 694-1470

Lyon County Extension Service, 1400 E. Lyon St., Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 537-6702

Yellow Medicine County Extension Service, 1000 10th Ave, Clarkfield, MN 56223

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the