

public forum on the Merger rule. (HUD's public forum announcement, published on April 27, 1999, provided the dates and locations of the earlier public forums (see 64 FR 22550).)

The public forum on the PHA Plan rule will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The public forum for the Merger rule will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Both public forums will be held at Grant Auditorium, E.I. White Hall, College of Law, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

July 28, 1999 Public Forum. The July 28, 1999 public forum in Washington, DC, will be HUD's fourth public forum on the PHA Plan rule, and its third public forum on the Merger rule. On this date, the discussion of the Merger rule will precede the discussion of the PHA Plan rule.

The public forum for the Merger rule will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The public forum on the PHA Plan rule will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Both public forums will be held at HUD Headquarters, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC.

#### *Discussions at Public Forums*

So that the discussions at the public forums can be productive, recommendations from the categories of organizations specified in the statute need to be submitted in as far in advance of the forum date as possible to: the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should include the following reference: "PHA Plan rule (FR-4420); Public Forum" or "Section 8 Merger rule (FR-4428); Public Forum."

Dated: June 15, 1999.

#### **Harold Lucas,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Office of the Assistant Secretary— Policy, Management and Budget**

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#### **Notice of Intent To Establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group and Call for Non-Federal Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior; Office of the Assistant Secretary For Policy Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group; Public call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C. App.). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture intend to establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group to provide advice concerning priorities and approaches for research and implementation of research findings for the management of wildland fuels on lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service (FS).

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below no later than July 21, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bob Clark, Joint Fire Science Program Manager, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 387-5349. Internet: b1clark@nifc.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Stakeholder Advisory Group will consist of 30 members, 15 Federal and 15 nonfederal. This call for nominations will establish the nonfederal membership on the Group. Group membership will be balanced in terms of categories of interest represented.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group. Individuals may also nominate themselves for Group membership. All nomination letters should include the name, address, profession, relevant biographic data, and reference sources for each nominee, and should be sent to the above address. Letters of support should be from interests or groups that nominees claim to represent. This material will be used to evaluate nominees in terms of their expertise and qualifications for advising the Secretaries on matters pertaining to research into wildland fuels problems and implementation of strategies and solutions for managing the increasing fuel loadings on federally administered wildlands.

Nominations may be made for the following categories of interest:

Wildland fire management  
Wildland fuels management  
Air quality management

Public lands management  
Forest ecology  
Rangeland ecology  
Hydrology  
Conservation  
Social science  
Computer science and modeling  
Tribal government  
Public-at-large

The specific category that the nominee will represent should be identified in the letter of nomination.

Agency administrators will nominate Federal representatives, including: Four (4) members from the FS, and one member each from the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Each Stakeholder Advisory Group Member will be appointed to serve a 2-year term.

Members will serve without salary, but non-federal members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees.

The Group will meet at least once annually. Additional meetings may be called in connection with special needs for advice. The Department of the Interior's Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Managing Risk and Public Safety, will be the Designated Federal Officer who will call meetings of the Group.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

#### **John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).