

become increasingly valuable to landowners and others involved in natural resource land management. Data from the Publication Comment Card will help the Southern Research Station assess if Station publications meet the customer's expectations and address the customer's needs. The collected information also will help scientists and authors provide relevant information on effective, efficient, responsible land management in the Southern United States.

Forest Service research personnel will enclose Publication Comment Cards when providing publications to recipients in person or by mail. These Cards and some Station publications also will be made available via the Internet. The Card includes the following statements that will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Strongly agree" and 5 being "Strongly disagree."

1. The information is what I expected, based on the title and abstract.
2. The publication is well organized.
3. The content is presented clearly.
4. The technical subject matter was explained sufficiently to meet my needs.
5. The graphics (Photographs, tables, charts) were helpful.
6. This research information is useful to me.
7. I will continue to request Southern Research Station publications.

Respondents will complete the Publication Comment Cards and return them in person or mail them back to the Southern Research Station via surface mail or electronically via the Internet.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

*Estimate of Burden:* 5 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Respondents will include U.S. citizens; citizens of other countries; landowners or land lessees; timber customers; other forest-products customers; research scientists; special-use customers; educators; librarians; historians; writers; representatives of other Federal, State, county, or local Government agencies and representatives of foreign governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 19,500.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 3.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,625 hours.

#### Comment is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific 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 received in response to this notice, including name and address when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

**Robert Lewis, Jr.**

*Deputy Chief for Research and Development.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Forest Service

##### National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Nebraska City, Nebraska, October 21-23, 1999. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in urban and community forestry.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 21-23 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Lied Conference Center, 2700 Sylvan Road, Nebraska City, Nebraska. A tour of local projects will be held on October 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 20628 Diane Drive, Sonoma, CA 95370.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (209) 536-9201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to bring urban and

community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who have made written requests by October 8 will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

Dated: August 27, 1999.

**Janice H. McDougle,**

*Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Forest Service

##### Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, September 24, 1999, at the Oak Tree Restaurant meeting room, located at 102 Atlantic, Woodland, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present information about: (1) Managing Recreation within the Northwest Forest Plan; (2) Watershed Councils; and provide for (3) a Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (3) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct question regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

**Claire Lavendel,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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