

the FSA-675, Application for FSA County Office Employment, is for the purpose of identifying applicants for vacant positions in FSA county offices. These employees, who are not Federal Civil Service employees within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 2105 staff approximately 2,400 county FSA offices throughout the nation. Total employment figures equal about 12,444. Part 7, Sections 7.1 through 7.40 of the Secretary's Regulations provides for this system and sets some specific requirements for the type of information that must be considered prior to employment.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this information collection is difficult to determine because it is directly related to the number of vacancies that exist and the level of interest candidates may show for any particular vacancy. However, past records indicate approximately 9,000 responses per year. The average time per response would be in the area of 1 hour per applicant.

*Respondents:* Applicants for Employment.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 9,000 hours.

Topics for comment include, but are not limited to the following: (a) Whether the 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 burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Don Samuels, Personnel Management Specialist, Human Resources Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0592, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0592; telephone (202) 418-8988. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Don Samuels at the above address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on December 2, 1999.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Agriculture has established an advisory committee, chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership for the Lake Tahoe Region. Nominations of persons to serve as the local government representative or as the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency representative of the Committee are invited.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received in writing by December 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations with telephone numbers for membership on the Committee to: FACA Nominations, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 870 Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, (530) 573-2641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has established the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee on July 13, 1998 and will be selected nominations for two vacant positions. The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Basin and other matters raised by the Secretary.

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 will meet on a quarterly basis, conducting public meetings to discuss management strategies, gather information and review federal agency accomplishments, and prepare a progress report every six months for submission to regional federal executives.

The Committee will consist of no more than 20 members representing a broad array of interests in the Lake Tahoe Region. Representatives have been selected from the following sectors: (1) Gaming; (2) environmental; (3) natural resources; (4) ski resorts; (5) North Shore economic and recreation interests; (6) South Shore economic and recreation interests; (7) resort associations; (8) education; (9) property rights advocates; (10) member-at-large; (11) member-at-large; (12) science and research; (13) local government (vacant); (14) Washoe Tribe; (15) State of California; (16) State of Nevada; (17) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (vacant); (18) Union/labor interests; (19) transportation; and (20) member-at-large.

Nominations representing local government or Tahoe Regional Planning Agency should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Lake Tahoe Basin Advisory Committee.

Vacancies on the Committee will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include to the extent practicable individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

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**Edmund Gee,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Silvies Canyon Watershed Restoration Project, Malheur National Forest, Grant and Harney Counties, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve the ecosystem health within a portion of the 81,000 acre Silvies Canyon Watershed. The proposed restoration activities will be in compliance with the