

March 10, 2000. Requests to provide oral input at the meeting should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T., March 7, 2000, to Kathryn McMurry, M.S., DHHS, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, (202) 205-4872 (phone), (202) 205-0463 (fax). Name of the presenter, organization affiliation (if applicable), source of funding, and contact phone number are required for registration. Registration is free. One person per organization will be selected on first come basis. Presentations should be limited to three (3) minutes or less. Registration will also be accepted at the meeting, if time slots are available.

II. Background

Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans, published jointly by USDA and HHS, provides recommendations based on current scientific knowledge about how dietary intake may reduce risk for major chronic diseases and how a healthful diet may improve nutrition. The guidelines form the basis of Federal food, nutrition education, and information programs. First published in 1980, *Dietary Guidelines* were revised in 1985, 1990, and 1995. Public Law 101-445, Section 3 requires review and revision as necessary of the *Dietary Guidelines every five years*. This legislation also requires review by the Secretaries of USDA and HHS of all Federal dietary guidance-related publications for the general public. The fifth edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is scheduled for release in 2000.

The 11 member Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee was jointly appointed by the Secretaries of USDA and HHS in 1998, to review the fourth edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* to determine if changes are needed, and if so, to recommend suggestions for revision. The Committee, in the first meeting held in September 1998, determined that a revision was warranted. The Committee has submitted its report to the Secretaries of Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. This report will serve as the basis for the fifth edition of *Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

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Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture.

Julie Paradis,

Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the National Forests in Mississippi

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public scoping period.

SUMMARY: On December 14, 1999, the Forest Service published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the revision of the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for the National Forests in Mississippi (64 FR 69686-69691, December 14, 1999). The December 14th notice initiated a 60 day public scoping period inviting written comments from interested and affected citizens to assist in identifying and developing recommendations on the management of the National Forests in Mississippi. The agency now gives notice of an extension of the initial scoping period for Forest Plan revision. Originally, the scoping period was scheduled to close on Monday, February 14, 2000, the agency has extended the initial public scoping period to March 31, 2000.

DATE: Public comment began on December 14, 1999, and will end on March 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Mississippi, 100 West Capitol St., Suite 1141, Jackson, MS 39269.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Long, Land Management Planning Revision Team Leader, (601) 965-4391.

Responsible Official:

The Regional Forester for the Southern Region located at 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public scoping period originally began

on December 14, 1999. The agency hosted twenty-three public meetings around the state of Mississippi during January 2000 and attended numerous other meetings hosted by various interest groups and organizations to solicit public comments. Based upon requests received from the public and the agency's desire to foster and promote a collaborative planning effort the initial public scoping period has been extended to March 31, 2000.

Public participation and involvement will be encouraged throughout the Forest Plan revision process. The intent of the March 31st deadline for initial public scoping comments is to enable the agency to formally shift its efforts from gathering issues and comments and begin the process of addressing the specific issues that have been raised. Immediately upon close of the initial public scoping period the agency will focus efforts on understanding and clarifying the issues received during scoping. The agency will invite and encourage public participation in this next phase of the revision process.

The responsible official is Elizabeth Estill, Regional Forester, Southern Region, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30367.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Change to Title of Position Authorized to Sign Conveyance Documents for the Eastern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The former title of Director of Lands, Watershed, and Minerals Management, Eastern Region, has been changed to Land and Minerals Program Leader, Eastern Region (Region 9). This change conforms the position title with the new organizational structure approved by the Chief of the Forest Service on March 20, 1997. This notice serves to advise the public that under the new title of Land and Minerals Program Leader, the incumbent has authorization to sign legal documents on behalf of the United States. This signing authority applies to all conveyance documents; that is, deeds and other legal instruments as specified in the Forest Service Manual (FSM) 5400.