

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.

Eileen T. Kennedy,

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

Julie Paradis,

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

Nicole Lurie,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

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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.

David G. Holland,

Deputy Regional Forester, Natural Resources.

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about this notice should be addressed to Carolyn Williams, Regional Realty Specialist, Forest Service, USDA, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203; phone 414-297-3696.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

Paul M. Stockinger,

Lands and Minerals Program Leader, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oregon**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Oregon for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Oregon to issue revisions to Conservation Practice Standards 582, Open Channel, and 584, Stream Channel Stabilization, in Section IV of the State Technical Guide in Oregon. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication. Once the review and comment period is over and the standards are finalized, they will be placed in the individual Field Office Technical Guides in each field office.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Bob Graham, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, Oregon 97204. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to dave.dishman@or.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Graham, 503-414-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made

available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Oregon will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Oregon regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made. In Oregon, "technical guides" refers to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in Oregon.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Bob Graham,

State Conservationist, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Change**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to applicable conservation practices in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guides (FOTG) located in Washington State.

The proposed revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State Technical Guides are subject to these provisions, since one or more could be used as part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

At this time, fourteen subject conservation practices are being added and/or revised to Section IV of the Washington State FOTG:

Conservation Crop Rotation (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 328
Contour Farming (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 330
Cross Wind Ridges (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 589-A
Cross Wind Stripcropping (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 589-B
Cross Wind Trap Strips (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 589-C

Mulching (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 484
Pasture and Hayland Planting (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 512
Residue Management—No Till and Strip Till (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 329-A
Residue Management—Mulch Till (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 329-B
Residue Management—Ridge Till (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 329-C
Residue Management, Seasonal (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 344
Stripcropping—Contour (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 585
Stripcropping—Field (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 586
Surface Roughening (Acre)
NRCS Code Number 609

You may request a copy of the practice standards and provide your comments to: Marty Seamons, Program Support Specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, West 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, WA 99201-2348, (509) 323-2967.

You may also obtain a copy and provide comments by accessing our Internet website. Our Internet address is: <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/nrcs/>.

Click on "Field Office Technical Guide" on the left side of the page, then click on "Section IV," then "Index of Draft Standards and Specifications for Review and Comment," and finally click on the blue star of the appropriate standard.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

Leonard Jordan,

State Conservationist.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**PROCUREMENT LIST; ADDITIONS**

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2000.

ADDRESS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310,