

western U.S. primary habitat is lodgepole pine or subalpine fir habitat types).

Secondary Lynx Habitat—Other vegetation types, when intermingled with or immediately adjacent to primary habitat, that contribute to lynx annual needs (cool/moist Douglas-fir habitat types adjacent to primary habitat).

Unsuitable Habitat Condition—An area that is capable of producing lynx foraging or denning habitat, but which currently does not have the necessary vegetation composition, structure and/or density of support lynx and snowshoe hare populations during all seasons. For example, during the winter, vegetation must provide dense cover that extends above (greater than 6 feet) the average snow depth. Timber harvest, salvage harvest, commercial thinning, and prescribed fire may or may not result in unsuitable habitat conditions.

Snowshoe Hare Habitat—See foraging habitat.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The second Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meeting will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Monday, July 17, 2000. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center, 400 West Virginia Street, Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. The tentative agenda includes:

(1) Overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA); (2) overview of the planning process including the National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, and amending the Forest Plan; and (3) a presentation on the Cultural and Historic Resource Inventory.

The public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the July 17 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips; Williamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Amendment to Certification of Central Filing System—Oklahoma

The Statewide central filing system of Oklahoma has been previously certified, pursuant to Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, on the basis of information submitted by the Oklahoma Secretary of State, for farm products produced in that State (52 FR 49056, December 29, 1987).

The certification is hereby amended on the basis of information submitted in a May 23, 2000 letter by Anita Charlson, Supervisor, Central Filing System for Agriculture Liens, for additional farm products used or produced in farming operations, or a product of such crop or livestock in its unmanufactured state that is in the possession of a person engaged in farming operations in that State as follows: echinacea, broccoli, eggplant.

This is issued pursuant to authority delegated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Authority: Sec. 1324(c)(2), Pub. L. 99-198, 99 Stat. 1535, 7 U.S.C. 1631(c)(2); 7 CFR 2.22(a)(3)(v), 2.81(a)(5), 55 FR 22795.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

John Stencel,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: Maintaining Agriculture and Forestry in Rapidly Growing Areas Listening Forums hosted by members of the USDA Policy Advisory Committee on Farmland Protection. The USDA Policy Advisory Committee on Farm and Forest Lands Protection is holding listening forums this summer to solicit policy feedback and anecdotal information on what works and what doesn't from a community's perspective in working with federal tools designed to maintain land as farmland and forest land. The input received from these forums will be synthesized into a report that USDA will issue on this subject later this year.

Specifically, the forums will ask for public comment on the following questions:

1. What are the economic, environmental and social benefits of farms and forested lands for communities, especially those in rapidly growing regions?
2. What are the challenges that communities and individuals face in trying to maintain farms and forested lands, especially in rapidly growing areas;
3. What sorts of opportunities exist to capitalize on market opportunities (e.g. direct marketing and agri-tourism) to encourage maintenance of farmland and forestland.

4. What role could the federal government play to better support farmers and forest operators in taking advantage of these opportunities?

DATES: The first forum will convene Thursday, July 13, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 p.m.. It will be held at the Dekalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture, 1350 West Prairie Drive, Sycamore, Illinois 60178. The second forum is scheduled for Friday, July 21, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 12:00 p.m., at the University of California, Davis, Alumni and Visitors Center, in Room AGR, located on Old Davis Road and Mrak Hall Drive, Davis California. The

third forum will be in late July in Seattle, Washington (location to be determined). And, a fourth forum will be held early August in the Highlands Region in New Jersey (Date and location to be determined). Three informational gathering sessions are being considered.

ADDRESSES: Are included in the above information under **DATES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these forums is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the USDA Policy Advisory Committee, including any revised agendas for the July 13 and 21, 2000 forums that may appear after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Draft Agenda for the Forums

- A. Opening remarks
- B. Panel presentations
- C. Public participation: oral statements, questions and answer period.
- D. Closing remarks

Procedural

The forums are open to the general public. Members of the general public will have an opportunity to present their ideas and opinions during each forum. Persons wishing to make oral statements should pre-register by contacting Ms. Mary Lou Flores at (202) 720-4525. Those who wish to submit written statements can do so by submitting 25 copies of their statements on or before July 11, 2000 for the Dekalb County, IL forum, on or before July 17, 2000 for the UC Davis, CA forum, and on or before July 20, 2000 for the Seattle, WA forum. Please send them to Ms. Stacie Kornegay, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, Room 6013. The written form of the oral statements must not exceed 5 pages in 12-point pitch. At each forum, reasonable provisions will be made for oral presentations of no more than three minutes each in duration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for special accommodations due to disability, questions or comments should be directed to Rosann Durrah, Designated Federal Official, telephone (202) 720-4072, fax (202) 690-0639, email rosann.durrah@usda.gov.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

Anne Keys,

Acting Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Berkeley Electric Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to the construction of a 115/24.9 kV distribution substation by Berkeley Electric Cooperative. Berkeley Electric Cooperative may request financing assistance from the RUS to finance the construction of the substation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed substation will be located on a 18.4-acre site in Dorchester County, South Carolina, between Parkers Ferry Road and Ridge Road approximately 1000 feet east of the intersection of these two roads. The substation will cover approximately 7.5 acres of the site. The substation will be surrounded by a seven foot high chain link fence topped with three strands of barbed wire. A crushed stone driveway approximately 22 feet in width will be constructed from Ridge Road to the substation for access. The substation will be connected to an existing 115 kV transmission line which parallels Parkers Ferry Road. Approximately 500 feet of transmission line will be constructed to connect the substation to the transmission line.

Copies of the FONSI are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Tom Meyers, Vice President of Engineering, Berkeley Electric Cooperative, 414 North Highway 52, Monks Corner, South Carolina 29461, telephone (843) 761-8200.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete services previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification