

Public participation will be solicited by notifying affected interests through personal contacts and by mail. This project has been listed in the Uinta National Forests "Schedule of Proposed Actions" (*i.e.* NEPA Quarterly). News releases will also be utilized to give the public general notice. Comments concerning the Proposed Action and EIS should address environmental issues to be considered, feasible alternatives to examine, possible mitigation, and information relevant to or bearing on the Proposed Action.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage, but are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement, may be viewed or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in the proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can be meaningfully considered and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environment impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

*Tentative Project Schedule:* Begin Comment Period—April, 2000; Comment Period Ends—August 30, 2000; Draft EIS—December, 2000; Final EIS and Record of Decision—April 2001.

*Responsible Official:* Jack A. Blackwell, USDA Forest Service Intermountain Regional Forester, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401.

*For Further Information Contact:* Renee Flanagan, (801) 342-5100 or at the address listed previously.

Dated: July 17, 2000.

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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 Ohio

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Ohio, Department of Agriculture.

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

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Ohio to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The proposed standard revisions are Nutrient Management (Code 590) and Waste Utilization (Code 633). These practices may be used in conservation systems that involve "Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans".

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before August 28, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Paul DeArman, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 200 North High Street Room 522, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to [paul.dearman@oh.nrcs.usda.gov](mailto:paul.dearman@oh.nrcs.usda.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after the 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 will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding the disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: July 5, 2000.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Additions to and Deletions from 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, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 28, 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:** On June 9 and 16, 2000, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (65 FR 36663 and 37757) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

### Additions

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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: