

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Withdrawal of the Regional Guide for the South**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The intended effect of this action is to comply with 36 CFR part 219 section 219.35(e) which directs that within 1 year of November 9, 2000, the Regional Forester must withdraw the Regional Guide. When a Regional Guide is withdrawn, the Regional Forester must identify the decisions in the Regional Guide that are to be transferred to a regional supplement of the Forest Service directive system (36 CFR 200.4) or to one or more plans and give notice in the **Federal Register** of these actions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This action becomes effective on November 26, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Gary Pierson, Director of Planning; Southern Region; 1720 Peachtree Rd., NW; Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Phone: (404) 347-3183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action accomplishes the withdrawal of the Regional Guide for the South. An analysis of the direction contained in the Regional Guide shows that all its applicable direction has either (1) Already been incorporated into the Forest Plans; (2) been incorporated into other regional environmental impact statements (such as the Final Environmental Impact Statements for Vegetation Management in the Coastal Plain/Piedmont, Appalachian Mountains, or Ozark/Ouachita Mountains); (3) already been incorporated or addressed in existing Forest Service directives; or (4) contained procedural guidance that does not need to be brought forward as Forest Plan direction or as a Forest Service directive.

The planning rule at 36 CFR 219.35(e) allows for the transfer of direction from a regional guide to a regional supplement of the Forest Service directive system or to one or more Forest Plans through this notification in the **Federal Register**, however, no further action is needed to complete the withdrawal of the Regional guide for the South.

Dated: November 19, 2001.

**R. Gary Pierson,**

*Acting Regional Forester.*

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**DATES:** This action will be effective November 5, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Anderson; Land Management Planner; Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3647.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action accomplishes withdrawal of the Northern Regional Guide and the transfer of decisions therein to the regional supplement to the Forest Service Directive System. This action revises FSM 2400 Region 1 Supplement No. 2400-96-3 to address the size of harvest openings, which is required by the National Forest Management Act. This continues the limitation, currently contained in the Regional Guide, on the size of harvest openings to 40-acres or less without Regional Forester approval and 60-day public review.

This action also adds a correction into the Region 1 Planning Supplement Chapter 1920 from the Regional Guide two RARE II inventoried roadless areas which were inadvertently omitted from the Guide (the Big Snowies and Middle Fork Judith on the Lewis and Clark National Forest) for further study in the Forest Planning process. Additionally, this action moves direction regarding Natural Areas from the Regional Guide to the regional supplement of the Forest Service manual. This is accomplished by: (1) Incorporating into the Region 1 Planning Supplement Chapter 1920 formal approval by the Regional Forester of the revised Research Natural Area targets, as outlined in the Research Natural Areas of the Northern Region: Status and Needs Assessment which in 1996 updated the Regional Guide direction for Research Natural Areas;

and (2) incorporating the process currently contained in the Regional Guide for the identification and designation of Regional Research Natural Area's.

Dated: October 31, 2001.

**Kathleen A. McAllister,**

*Acting Regional Forester.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Minority Business Development Agency**

[Docket No. 000724218-1270-03]

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**Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Subject to the availability of fiscal year 2002 funds, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications, under its Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program, from organizations to operate a NABDC in the State of New Mexico. After reviewing the performance of the current operator of the New Mexico NABDC, MBDA has elected not to continue funding in 2002 for the operator and to re-compete this geographic service area.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications for the NABDC project is December 26, 2001. Anticipated time for processing of applications is 120 days. MBDA anticipates that the award for the NABDC program will be made with a start date of January 1, 2002. Completed applications for the NABDC program must be (1) mailed (USPS postmark) to the NABDC Program Office (see: **ADDRESSES**); or (2) received by MBDA (see: **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** If the applicant or its representative mails the application, it must be mailed to: Native American Business Development Center Program Office, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or its representative, the application must be delivered to Room