

and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be resubmitted with or without names and addresses within thirty days.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First reviewers of draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it 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 EIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived 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 this 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 meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS 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.

The final EIS is scheduled to be available by March 2003. In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The responsible official is Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. The responsible official will decide which, if any, of the alternatives will be implemented. The Palmer Quarry Expansion decision and rationale will be documented in a Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Kathryn J. Silverman,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Red Knight Restoration Project, Winema National Forest, Klamath County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: On August 16, 1999, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Red Knight Restoration Project was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 44477). Since the project proposed action has been postponed and the date for any further environmental analysis is unknown, the 1999 NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jayne Goodwin, Red Knight Project Leader, Chemult Ranger District, P.O. Box 150, Chemult, Oregon 97731, telephone 541-365-7072 or e-mail at: jgoodwin/r6pnw_winema@fs.fed.us.

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Jack B. Sheehan,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Winema and Fremont National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on January 31-February 1, 2002. The meeting will be held in Room 20 at the Klamath County Courthouse, 316 Main Street, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and end at approximately 4:30 PM. both days. Day 1 agenda topics are: (1) Introductions; (2) Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) overview; (3) Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Roles and Responsibilities; (4) RAC Rules and Bylaws; (5) RAC Guidebook Review; (6) RAC Communication; (7) Future meetings and agendas; (8) Project Process for submission; (9) County

Update on Title III Projects; (10) Election of RAC Chairperson; and (11) Public comments. Day 2 will be devoted to a review of Title II projects submitted by the National Forests and making funding recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2002 projects.

All Winema and Fremont Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Bill Aney, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Paisley Ranger District, Fremont National Forest, PO Box 67, Paisley OR 97636 (541) 943-4401 or Chuck Graham, Forest Supervisor at (541) 947-2151 or 883-6714.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

Charles Graham,

Forest Supervisor, Winema and Fremont National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Central Closed/Estancia Basin (Torrance, Lincoln, and Socorro Counties, et al), EQIP for GPAs, New Mexico

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, in New Mexico, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for:

Central Closed/Estancia Basin

(Torrance, Lincoln and Socorro Counties)

Lower Rio Grande (Sierra and Socorro Counties)

Irrigated Cropland of the Southwest Closed Basins (Dona Ana and Luna Counties)

Lesser Prairie Chicken (Roosevelt, Lea, Chaves and Curry Counties)

Macho/Gallo Watershed (Lincoln County)

Tramperos Creek Watershed (Union and Harding Counties)

Upper Tularosa Basin Watershed Treatment (Lincoln and Socorro Counties)

Zuni River Watershed (Cibola and McKinley Counties)

Eastern NM Conservation Buffer Initiative (Union, Mora, Harding, San Miguel, Quay, Curry, Roosevelt and Lea Counties)

Cougar/Torrance Watershed (Torrance County)

Estancia Closed Underground Watershed (Torrance, Santa Fe and Bernallilo Counties)

Black River/Delaware River (Eddy County)

Abo Arroyo Watershed (Torrance, Socorro and Valencia Counties)

Rio Hondo Watershed Treatment (Lincoln and Otero Counties)

Yellow Dog Canyon (Socorro County)

Irrigated Cropland of Hidalgo (Hidalgo County)

Upper Canadian River Watershed (Union, Colfax, Harding, Mora and San Miguel Counties)

Pecos River Watershed Aquifer Brush Control (Chaves County)

Eastern Sangre De Cristo Mountain Watershed (Mora, San Miguel and Taos Counties)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosendo Trevino III, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 6200 Jefferson, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734, Telephone (505)761-4400.

Copies of these environmental assessments are available from NRCS in Albuquerque, NM and are also available electronically on the NRCS New Mexico Internet Homepage at: <http://www.nm.nrfcs.usda.gov/techserv/ea.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessments of these federally assisted actions indicate that the projects will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Trevino III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for these projects. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Trevino III.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 20, 2001.

Rosendo Trevino III,
State Conservationist.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservaiton Service

TV-13a Oaks/Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Iberia and Vermilion Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Oaks/Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Iberia and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

TV-13a Oaks/Avery Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

The project will minimize marsh loss which is attributed to saltwater intrusion, shoreline deterioration, and bankline erosion within the project area. This will be accomplished by the installation of 800 linear feet of bankline stabilization on Oaks Canal, 6,500 linear feet of bankline stabilization along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), one (1) low sill weir structure at the "cowpath" and approximately 900 linear feet of bankline stabilization in a manmade channel east of Oaks Canal

and north of GIWW, one (1) armored plug in a breach in the north bank of the Union Oil Canal, and 1,100 linear feet of spoilbank refurbishment on the Union Oil Canal.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.
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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 Indiana

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

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

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue two revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Land Smoothing (466); and Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.