

Notices

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Draft Report on Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: USAID's draft Report on Information Quality Guidelines (Report) is available for public comment on the USAID homepage: http://www.usaid.gov/about/info_quality/.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before May 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments directly from the above Web site. You may also mail written comments to Margaret Alter Miller, M/AA, 6.12-036 RRB, USAID, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20523-7600 or email her at mamiller@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Alter Miller; telephone 202-712-1054; telefax (202) 216-3053; email mamiller@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to OMB Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies, USAID has prepared a draft Report and has posted it on its website for public comment.

Dated: April 25, 2002.

Richard C. Nygard,
Deputy CIO for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-02-07]

Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information: Certification of Organizations for Eligibility To Make Nominations to the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is accepting applications from State, regional, and national lamb producer, seedstock producer, feeder, and first handler organizations or associations which desire to be certified as eligible to nominate lamb producers, seedstock producers, lamb feeders, or first handlers of lamb or lamb products for appointment to the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board (Board). To nominate a producer, seedstock producer, feeder, or first handler member to the Board, organizations must first be certified by USDA. Notice is also given that upcoming appointments are anticipated and that during a period to be established by USDA, nominations will be accepted from eligible organizations.

DATES: Applications for certification must be received by close of business May 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Certification forms as well as information regarding the certification and nomination procedures may be requested from Marlene M. Betts, Acting Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Room 2627-S; Livestock and Seed Program; AMS, USDA; STOP 0251; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251 or obtained via the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene M. Betts, Acting Chief, Marketing Programs Branch on 202/720-1115, via facsimile on 202/720-1125, or via e-mail at Marlene.Betts@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commodity Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1996

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(Act)(7 U.S.C. 7411 *et seq.*) authorizes the establishment and implementation of a lamb promotion, research, and information program. Pursuant to the Act, a proposed Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) was published in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 2001 (66 FR 48764). The final Order was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2002 (67 FR 17848). The Order provides for the establishment of a 13-member Board that will consist of 6 producers, 3 feeders—producers and feeders representing regions east and west of the Mississippi river—1 seedstock producer, and 3 first handlers appointed by USDA. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are provided under the Order.

The Order provides that USDA shall certify or otherwise determine the eligibility of any State, regional, or national lamb producer, seedstock producer, feeder, or first handler organizations or associations that meets the eligibility criteria established under the Order. Those organizations that meet the eligibility criteria specified under the Order will be certified as eligible to nominate members for appointment to the Board. Those organizations should ensure that the nominees represent the interests of producers, seedstock producers, feeders, and first handlers.

The Order provides that the members of the Board shall serve for terms of 3 years, except that appointments to the initially established Board shall be proportionately for 1-, 2-, and 3-year terms. No person may serve more than two consecutive 3 year terms. USDA will announce when nominations will be due from eligible organizations and when any subsequent nominations are due when a vacancy does or will exist. The Board composition is as follows:

Unit/Region	Members
Producer Members: Region 1— East of the Mississippi	2
Producer Members: Region 2— West of the Mississippi	2
USDA Appointed Producer Members	2
Feeder Members: Region 1— East of the Mississippi	1
Feeder Members: Region 2— West of the Mississippi	1
USDA Appointed Feeder Mem- ber	1
Seedstock Producer Member	1

Unit/Region	Members
First Handler Members	3
Total	13

Any eligible producer, seedstock producer, feeder, or first handler organization that is interested in being certified to nominate producers, seedstock producers, feeders, or first handlers for appointment to the Board, must complete and submit an official "Application for Certification of Organization," form. That form must be received by close of business May 31, 2002.

Only those organizations that meet the criteria for certification of eligibility specified under § 1280.206(b) under the Order are eligible for certification. In certifying an organization, the following will be considered:

- (1) The geographic territory covered by the active membership of the organization;
- (2) The nature and size of the active membership of the organization, including the number of active producers, seedstock producers, feeders, or first handlers represented by the organization;
- (3) Evidence of stability and permanency of the organization;
- (4) Sources from which the operating funds of the organizations are derived;
- (5) The functions of the organization; and
- (6) The ability and willingness of the organization to further the purpose and objectives of the Act.

In addition, the primary consideration in determining the eligibility of an organization will be:

- (1) The membership of the organization consists primarily of producers, seedstock producers, feeders, or first handlers who market or handle a substantial quantity of lamb or lamb products; and
- (2) A primary purpose of the organization is in the production or marketing of lamb and lamb products.

All newly certified organizations will be notified in writing of the beginning and ending dates of the established nomination period and will be provided with required nomination forms.

The information collection requirements referenced in this notice has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., Chapter 35) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581-0198, except Board nominees information form has been assigned OMB No. 0505-0001.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7411-7425.

Dated: April 25, 2002.
A.J. Yates,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas and Oklahoma

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that (pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1604(f)(5) and 36 CFR 219.10(g)) the Regional Forester for the Southern Region of the USDA Forest Service intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to accompany a revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for the Ouachita National Forest. The existing Forest Plan was approved on April 1, 1986. Since then, 37 amendments have been completed, including a significant amendment that resulted in publication of the 1990 Amended Land and Resource Management Plan. We now invite comments and suggestions from American Indian tribes, Federal agencies, state and local governments, individuals and organizations on the scope of the analysis to be included in the draft EIS (DEIS) (40 CFR 1501.7).

DATES: Comments on this Notice of Intent (NOI) and, specifically, on the scope of the analysis to be included in the EIS, should be received in writing by August 2, 2002. The agency expects to file the DEIS with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and make it available for public comment in 2004. The Agency expects to file the final EIS (FEIS) in September of 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Forest Plan, Ouachita National Forest, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902. Electronic mail should include "FP Revision" in the subject line and be sent to: *ouachita_plan@fs.fed.us*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ouachita National Forest: Planning Team Leader Bill Pell (phone 501-321-5320; TDD 501-321-5307). Electronic mail should include "FP Revision" in the subject line and be sent to: *ouachita_plan@fs.fed.us*. Information about Forest Plan revision and future opportunities to participate will be posted at the following website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>

oonf/design planning.html. The Regional Forester for the Southern Region, located at 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, is the Responsible Official.

Affected Counties: This NOI affects the following counties: Ashley, Garland, Hot Spring, Howard, Logan, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell, Arkansas; and LeFlore and McCurtain, Oklahoma.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background Information

1. The Role of Forest Plans

National Forest System resource allocation and management decisions are made in two stages. The first stage is the Forest Plan, which involves the establishment of management direction by allocating lands and resources within the plan area to various uses or conditions through management areas and management prescriptions. The second stage is plan implementation through approval of project decisions. Forest Plans do not compel the agency to undertake any site-specific projects; rather, they establish overall goals and objectives (or desired resource conditions) that the individual National Forest will strive to meet. Forest Plans also establish limitations on what actions may be authorized and what conditions must be met as part of project-level decision-making.

The primary decisions made in a Forest Plan include: (1) Establishment of forest-wide multiple-use goals and objectives (36 CFR 219.11(b)); (2) establishment of forest-wide management requirements (36 CFR 219.13 to 219.27); (3) establishment of multiple-use prescriptions and associated standards for each management area (36 CFR 219.11(c)); (4) determination of land that is suitable for the production of timber (16 U.S.C. 1604(k) and 36 CFR 219.14); (5) establishment of the allowable sale quantity for timber within a time frame specified in the plan (36 CFR 219.16); (6) establishment of monitoring and evaluation requirements (36 CFR 219.11(d)); (7) recommendations concerning roadless areas that Congress could designate as wilderness (36 CFR 219.17); and (8) where applicable, designation of those lands administratively available for oil and gas leasing (36 CFR 228.102 (d) and (e)). The authorization of site-specific activities within a plan area occurs through project decision-making, the second stage of forest planning. Project decision-making must comply with NEPA procedures and must include a