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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Friday, May 31, 2002. The meeting will be held in Room M-09 at the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Section 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, and Transportation; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Report of the Executive Committee
 - A. Revision Council Mission Statement
 - B. Preservation Executive Order
- III. Report of the Preservation Initiatives Committee
 - A. Preserve America Initiative
 - B. Heritage Tourism Initiatives
 - C. Preservation Funding Sources

- IV. Report of the Federal Agency Programs Committee
 - A. Federal Program Improvement Priorities and Initiatives
 - B. Section 106b Cases
- V. Report of the Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee
 - A. Development of the Council Communications Plan
 - B. Historic Preservation Awards
 - C. Communications Coordinator
- VI. Report of the Historic Preservation and Security Task Force
 - A. Pennsylvania Avenue Security Improvements
- VII. Chairman's Report
- VIII. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Technical Amendments to Section 106 Regulations
 - B. FY 2003 Appropriations Process
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC, 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

Don L. Klima,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-028-1]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 4 and 5, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Monte Chandler, Acting Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture concerning policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services (WS) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the WS program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The meeting will focus on operational and research activities and will be open to the public. Due to time constraints, the public will not be able to participate in the Committee's discussions. However, written statements concerning meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Mr. Monte Chandler at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or may be filed at the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 02-028-1 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 10.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of May, 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Reconstruction of Meadows Road #205 and Issuance of a Road Easement for Access to Private Land

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for proposal to issue a road easement to a private landowner and to permit the landowner to reconstruct the Meadows Road #205 to access their private land in-holding.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations and other

applicable statutes, the U.S. Forest Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for an applicants proposal to acquire a road easement and reconstruct an access road to their private land inholding on the San Juan National Forest. The DEIS analyzes the impacts of issuing the road easement and reconstructing Forest Development Road (FDR) #205 to a standard that would allow reasonable access to the landowners private land in holding. The EIS document was prepared by a third party contractor chosen by the Forest Service.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their notice of availability of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The U.S. Forest Service will notify all parties on this project's mailing list of the dates when comments will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions, comments or requests for copies of the FEIS to the San Juan Public Lands Center, Attn: Jim Powers, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301; or phone (970) 247-4874.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Rennick at (970) 882-6823 or Jim Powers at (970) 247-4874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The responsible official for issuance of the road easement is Rick Cables, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester at PO Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225-0127. The EIS addresses road reconstruction and issuance of an easement across such road in an inventoried roadless area for the purpose of providing the applicant access to non-federally owned lands within the boundaries of the San Juan National Forest. The private landowner has proposed use of the existing road across the inventoried roadless area to meet their access needs. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from individuals, organizations, tribal governments, and federal, state and local agencies that are interested in or may be affected by the proposed action. The range of alternatives considered on the EIS is based upon public issues raised during scoping in this project, management concerns, and resource management opportunities.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the San Juan Public Lands Center, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part

of the final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: April 30, 2002.

Calvin N. Joyner,

Forest Supervisor, San Juan National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, Colorado, Kennicott Slough Reservoir Peat Removal Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Surface Creek Ditch and Reservoir Company has asked to be allowed to remove all of the peat from Kennicott Slough Reservoir by mechanical means over the next five to ten years. This is in response to advice from the Colorado State Engineer's office that peat in the reservoir poses a serious risk to the integrity of the reservoir, and that failure of the dam could result in the loss of life and property down stream.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by June 1, 2002. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August of 2002 and the final environmental impact statement is expected December of 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Kennicott Slough Analysis, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, 2250 Hwy 50, Delta, Colorado 81416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Burch, Environmental Coordinator, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, 2250 Hwy 50, Delta, Colorado 81416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kennicott Slough Reservoir capacity is approximately 1,034 acre-feet. The drainage basin area above the dam including the reservoir is about 283

acres. Before a dam was built at Kennicott Slough there existed a natural lake. Associated with this lake were extensive shallows which gradually filled in with peat deposits. These peat deposits are the accumulation of organic materials from wetland vegetation growth over long periods of time. They are thought to be as much as 10,000 years old in some parts of the reservoir. Given enough time they will completely fill shallow lakes and reservoirs. With the construction of the first dam at Kennicott in about 1900 to 1910, the water line of the bankfull pool expanded over existing peat and created more shallows conducive to the formation of peat and the "peat body" began to expand. With the construction of an even higher second dam in 1947 and 1948, fluctuating water levels caused additional detachment of peat from its original location, and peat producing vegetation and the peat body itself continued to expand.

The Forest Service estimates there to be approximately 317,000 cubic yards, or using a conversion of 50 to 70 pounds per cubic foot, 214,300 to 300,000 tons of peat proposed for removal from Kennicott Slough. Approximately 80% of the reservoir's surface area is occupied by either floating or submerged peat. As water levels fluctuate, and especially during spring snow/ice melt and runoff, pieces of peat detach from the main peat body and float freely. As water passes through the reservoir, these pieces of peat tend to migrate toward the outlet and spillway of the reservoir. Some pieces are small; others are large (as much as 40 feet across).

The Colorado State Division of Water Resources has advised that these floating pieces of peat pose a real threat to the safety of the dam. These detached pieces of peat have the potential of blocking either the outlet works or the spillway, causing overfilling of the reservoir, spillage and cutting of the earthen dam, and possible catastrophic failure. Kennicott is a Class I dam, which means that failure poses threat to human safety down stream. The nearest habitation is 3½ miles down stream and 2000 feet lower in elevation, with additional homes along the Kiser Creek channel about 6 miles downstream from the reservoir. The town of Cedaredge is some 12 to 15 miles below the reservoir on Surface Creek and could be affected by the sudden release of water from a dam failure. According to the reservoir company, this peat accumulation has been a problem for 50 or more years. At one point in time the reservoir was drained for a two-year period to allow for removal of the peat. The peat was to