

Interdisciplinary Team (ID Team). This list was developed after review of issues from previous post fire management projects, including previous public involvement, and specific internal agency scoping. General categories have been used to focus key topics. This list will be amended and/or expanded after review of the Sheep Creek Project public comments. During the analysis, alternatives to the proposed action will be developed responding to the final list of issues. In response to the issues, the alternatives developed may include different levels of activity and may include different prescriptions.

- Timber sale value.
- Potential reduction of big game "security cover" within harvest units may result in a need for a nonsignificant site specific Forest Plan amendment for elk effective cover standards.
- Loss of future potential Lynx denning habitat by removal of heavy fuels.
- Potential for introduction and spread of noxious weeds from logging and log hauling.
  - Potential soil disturbance.
  - Residual fuel loads exceeding desired thresholds within treatment units.
- Potential for introduction of sediment to streams impacting fish species.
- Loss of habitat for snag dependent and cavity nesting species.

#### Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the draft environmental impact statement, including the identification of the range of alternatives to be considered. While public participation is strictly optional at this stage, the Forest Service believes that it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the subsequent environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft statements 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 environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement 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 draft environmental impact statement 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 environmental impact statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering 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 also may address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. In addressing these points, reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations which implement the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3.

Dated: July 3, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Meeting of the Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Land Between The Lakes Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2003. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Welcome/Introductions/Agenda.
- (2) LBL Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP).
- (3) Board Discussion of Comments Received.
- (4) Update on LBL Activities.
- (5) Environmental Education Update.

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments are invited and may be mailed to: William P. Lisowsky, Area Supervisor, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211. Written comments must be received at Land Between The Lakes by July 22, 2003, in order for

copies to be provided to the members at the meeting. Board members will review written comments received, and at their request, oral clarification may be requested at a future meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., CDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Village Green Meeting Room, Gilbertsville, KY, and will be open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Byers, Advisory Board Liaison, Land Between The Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211, 270-924-2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent to Discontinue an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to discontinue information collection for the Monthly Hogs and Pigs Survey.

**DATES:** The Monthly Hogs and Pigs Report will be terminated on September 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Not open for comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Dan Kerestes, Chief, Livestock Branch, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 6435 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2000, (202) 720-3570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Monthly Hog Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0241.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 10/31/2003.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Discontinue an Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and National estimates of crop and livestock production. The Monthly Hog Surveys obtain basic agricultural statistics on