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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

Virginia D. Nichols,
Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Finding of No Significant Impact for Buck and Duck Creeks Watershed, Nemaha County, NE

Introduction

The Buck and Duck Creeks Watershed is a federally assisted action authorized for planning under Pub. L. 83-566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. An environmental assessment was undertaken in conjunction with the development of the watershed plan. This assessment was conducted in consultation with local, State, and Federal agencies as well as with interested organizations and individuals. Data developed during the assessment are available for public review at the following location: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3866.

Recommended Action

Proposed is the development of one floodwater retarding dam on Buck Creek with a permanent pool surface area of 45 acres, and one multi-purpose floodwater retarding and recreation dam on Duck Creek with a permanent pool surface area of 49 acres. The Buck and Duck Creeks Watershed contains 17,880 acres of which 4595 acres are upstream of the Buck Creek dam and 4096 acres are upstream of the Duck Creek dam.

Effect of Recommended Action

More efficient drainage will occur on 6000 acres of floodplain cropland, which will reduce standing crop and stored crop damages. An additional 188 acres of floodplain land, within the

project area, will have floodwater totally eliminated.

Water quality will be enhanced by decreased concentrations of phosphorus and sediment bound pesticides downstream of the dams.

Sediment delivery to the Missouri floodplain, from this watershed, will be significantly reduced by the two structures, which will control most of the upland drainage area in the watershed. In total, sediment delivery to the Missouri floodplain, from the watershed, will be reduced by 76 percent or 20,700 tons annually. This project will eliminate need for any future construction of sediment basins by the Peru Drainage District.

Fish habitat will be improved by the addition of the pools behind the dams. Deliberate in lake measures, as recommended by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, will be installed in the Duck Creek reservoir to enhance fisheries.

Water based recreation will be planned at the Duck Creek dam. This will provide an estimated 9692 annual public recreational visits.

Based on cultural resource identification and evaluation efforts there are no significant historic properties in the project area of potential effect. Consultation has been completed with the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer and the nine Indian tribal governments who have indicated historic interests in the general area.

If cultural resources are discovered during construction, appropriate notice will be made by NRCS to the State Historic Preservation Officer, the National Park Service, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. NRCS will take action as prescribed in NRCS GM 420, Part 401, to protect or recover any significant cultural resources discovered during construction.

No threatened or endangered species in the watershed will be affected by the project.

No significant adverse environmental impacts will result from installations except for minor inconveniences to local residents during construction.

Alternatives

Three alternatives were analyzed in the plan.

Alternative 1: Without Project. The problem of flooding and sedimentation requiring the Peru Drainage District to find another location for a sediment catchment basin would persist. The regional shortage of recreation would continue. The value of the Without Project Alternative damages is estimated to be \$50,806 annually.

Alternative 2: National Economic Development (NED) Plan. This alternative, the selected alternative, consists of a floodwater retarding dam on Buck Creek. This dam has 345 acre feet of sediment storage and 1137 acre feet of floodwater storage. A multi-purpose floodwater retarding and recreation dam will be located on Duck Creek. This dam will have 379 acre feet of sediment storage, 321 acre feet of recreation storage, and 1123 acre feet of floodwater storage.

Alternative 3: This alternative consists of two floodwater retarding dams, one on Buck Creek and one on Duck Creek. The floodwater retarding dam on Buck Creek would have 345 acre feet of sediment storage and 1137 acre feet of floodwater storage. The floodwater retarding dam on Duck Creek would have 379 acre feet of sediment storage and 981 acre feet of floodwater storage.

Consultation-Public Participation

An application for assistance was submitted by the Nemaha Natural Resources District on November 19, 1999. The request was a result of local concern and interest in addressing flood protection, sedimentation, fish and wildlife, and recreation.

A scoping meeting was held June 27, 2001 to assemble an interdisciplinary team. The purpose of the interdisciplinary was to review all interest and or concerns of the project area. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Resource Conservation and Development, Nemaha Natural Resources District, University of Nebraska, Cooperative Extension, local residents and the Natural Resources Conservation Service were in attendance.

Consultation was completed with the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer and with the nine Indian tribal governments who have identified historical interests in the watershed area.

The environmental assessment was transmitted to all participating and interested agencies, groups, and individuals for review and comment in January 2002. Public meetings were held throughout the planning process to keep all interested parties informed of the study progress and to obtain public input to the plan and environmental evaluation.

Agency consultation and public participation to date have shown no unresolved conflicts with the implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Buck and Duck Creeks Watershed Plan is not required.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

Stephen K. Chick,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 42-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 210—Port Huron, MI; Application for Expansion of Scope of Manufacturing Authority, Cross Hüller-North America (Machine Tools)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Cross Hüller-North America, operator of FTZ 210—Site 2 (Port Huron Industrial Park), pursuant to section 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new foreign-origin components used in the production of metalworking machine tools under FTZ procedures. It was formally filed on August 25, 2003.

Cross Hüller operates a facility within FTZ 210—Site 2 at the Port Huron Industrial Park, in Port Huron, Michigan. The facility is used to produce metal-working equipment under FTZ procedures, including modular transfer machines, computer-controlled machining centers (drilling, boring, broaching, milling), lathes, and flexible manufacturing systems for the U.S. market and export (Board Order 1230, 67 FR 37384, 5-29-2002).

The applicant currently requests that the scope of authority for the sourcing of foreign components be extended to include the following items: Reinforced vulcanized rubber hoses, millstones/grindstones/grinding wheels of agglomerated abrasives or ceramics, laminated safety glass, socket wrenches, molding patterns, distributors, ignition coils, pyrometers and related instruments, revolution counters, production counters and parts thereof, lamps and lamp fittings of base metal, plastic and brass (2003 duty rate range: 1.4—9.0%, 5¢/kg+2%). The list represents an expanded scope of Cross

Hüller's existing scope of sourcing authority.

FTZ procedures would continue to exempt Cross Hüller from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On its domestic sales and exports to NAFTA countries, the company can choose the lower duty rate that applies to finished metalworking equipment (3.3—4.4%) for the foreign inputs noted above. In accordance with section 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following addresses:

1. *Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services:* Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building-Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or
2. *Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service:* Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB-4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is October 20, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to November 3, 2003).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address No. 1 listed above.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1284]

Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority (Construction Equipment) Within Foreign-Trade Subzone 57B; Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc., Asheville, North Carolina Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc. (Volvo CENA), operator of Foreign-Trade Subzone 57B, has applied to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 57B, at the Volvo CENA plant located at sites in the Asheville, North Carolina area, to include additional finished products (skid-steer loaders and compaction rollers) (FTZ Doc. 1-2003; filed 1-7-2003);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 1591, 1-13-2003); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of August 2003.

Jeffrey May,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1295]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 40; Cleveland, Ohio Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 40, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 40—Site 8 at the Strongsville Industrial Park, Strongsville, Ohio, within the Cleveland Customs port of entry area (FTZ Docket 14-2003);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 13255, 3/19/03) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the