

will address the potential environmental impacts of replacing pine plantations in the German Ridge area of Perry County, Indiana with native hardwood communities.

DATES: The draft environmental impact statement is expected February 2004, and the final environmental impact statement is expected July 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Ellis, NEPA coordinator, Hoosier National Forest, USDA Forest Service; telephone; (812) 275-5987. Address: 811 Constitution Avenue; Bedford IN 47421. The original scoping document can also be viewed at the Hoosier National Forest Web page at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/project_docs/scoping/german_ridge_restoration.htm.

Responsible Official

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(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: November 4, 2003.

Kenneth G. Day,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service—Tennessee

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Tennessee Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Tennessee, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Tennessee NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, Section IV, for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Tennessee that changes must be made in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, specifically in practice standard Wetland Creation (Code 658) to account for improved technology. This practice standard can be used in conservation systems designed to mitigate for wetland conversions.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to James W. Ford,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203, telephone number (615) 277-2531. Copies of the practice standard will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to perform highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Tennessee will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Tennessee regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject practice standard.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

James W. Ford,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Data Sharing Activity

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) will provide to the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) data collected from the Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997 and the Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—1999 for statistical purposes exclusively. In accordance with the requirement of Section 524(d) of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA), we provided the opportunity for public comment on this data-sharing action (see the July 7, 2003 edition of the **Federal Register** (68 FR 40241)). Through the use of these shared data, the Census Bureau will augment its existing research and development (R&D)-related data collected in the Survey of Industrial Research and Development, which is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Census Bureau will also identify data quality issues arising from reporting differences in the BEA and Census Bureau surveys and improve its survey

sample frames. The NSF will be provided non-confidential aggregate public use data and reports that have cleared BEA and Census Bureau disclosure review. Disclosure review is a process conducted to verify that the data to be released do not reveal any confidential information.

DATES: BEA will make the data collected from the Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997 and the Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—1999 available to the Census Bureau on November 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on this program should be directed to Ned Howenstine, Chief, Research Branch, International Investment Division, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-50), Washington, DC 20230, by phone on (202) 606-9845 or by fax (202) 606-5318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

CIPSEA (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V) and the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 22 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3101-3108) allow BEA and the Census Bureau to share certain business data for statistical purposes exclusively. Section 524(d) of the CIPSEA required a **Federal Register** notice announcing the intent to share data (allowing 60 days for public comment).

On July 7, 2003 (68 FR 40241), BEA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of this proposed data-sharing activity and request for comment on the subject. BEA did not receive any public comments.

Shared Data

BEA will provide the Census Bureau with data collected from the Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997 and the Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—1999. The Census Bureau also will share data from the 1997 and 1999 Surveys of Industrial Research and Development with BEA. The Census Bureau issued separate notices addressing this issue (68 FR 33094, June 2, 2003 and 68 FR 54201, September 16, 2003).

BEA will provide the Census Bureau with only those data items necessary to link records from the two benchmark surveys with records from the Census Bureau's Surveys of Industrial Research and Development. The Census Bureau will use these data for statistical purposes exclusively. Through record linkage, the Census Bureau will