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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Professional Responsibility on June 29 and June 30, 2004.

DATES: Tuesday, June 29, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, June 30, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 6505IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-622-8225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Room 6505IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, June 30, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the May 2004 Basic (EA-1) and Pension (EA-2B) Joint Board Examinations in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the syllabus for the Joint Board's

examination program for the November 2004 Pension (EA-2A) Examination will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the May 2004 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1 p.m. on June 30 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 p.m. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements must notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than June 23, 2004, to 202-622-2207, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director SE:OPR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: June 1, 2004.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Evaluation of the Environmental Intervention Handbook

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Evaluation of the Environmental Intervention Handbook.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 6, 2004 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (909) 680-1501 or by e-mail to: pwinter@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507; building one reception during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (909) 680-1500 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA FS, (909) 680-1557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Evaluation of the Environmental Intervention Handbook.

OMB Number: 0596—New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will contact recipients of a handbook designed to help resource managers reduce depreciative activities. Through those contacts they will evaluate the uses of the handbook, barriers to usage, and the need for revision of the handbook or creation of supplementary materials. This will help the researchers improve their ability to provide information to natural resource managers on reducing activities like littering, vandalism, and

other activities that cause damage. To gather the information, a mini-survey will be sent through the mail to all handbook recipients. Those agreeing to participate further will participate in a more in-depth survey, conducted by e-mail, telephone or mail, based on respondent preference. Follow-up telephone contacts may occur if we need to clarify responses to the in-depth survey.

The information will be collected and analyzed by a Forest Service researcher and analyst/technicians, and a researcher at a cooperating university. Both researchers are experts in applied social psychology and survey research.

1. Respondents to the mini survey will be asked about recollection of the handbook, about the role of depreciative activities in their own work settings, and about their willingness to participate in the in-depth survey. Respondents to the in-depth survey will be asked to assess the impact of depreciative activities in natural resource settings, their opinion of availability of materials to assist resource managers in addressing depreciative activities, to rate a series of aspects of the intervention handbook, and to provide some basic sociodemographic information for purposes of comparison to other respondents.

2. All recipients of the Environmental Intervention Handbook will be contacted. Responses will be voluntary and confidential.

3. Responses will be used to evaluate the application and uses of the handbook, the need for revision of the handbook, and the need for additional tools or supplementary information to be used with handbook.

Without the proposed information collection, assessment of how the Handbook was used, how well it worked, whether or not we need to revise it, and if we need to provide additional tools will not be known. This information will help the researchers supply information to natural resource managers on methods to decrease depreciative activities. The information can also be shared with other researchers who are developing methods for reducing depreciative activities.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The average annual burden estimated per respondent is 32 minutes, based on 50 respondents at 8 minutes for the mini-survey, 45 respondents at 20 minutes for the in-depth survey, and 20 respondents at 15 minutes for the follow-up.

Type of Respondents: Respondents include natural resource managers in State, Regional, and county agencies,

academicians, environmental educators, consultants, and researchers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: Fifty respondents will be contacted.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: A maximum of three responses per year will be requested.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual burden on respondents that is estimated for this information collection is 26.7 hours.

Comment is Invited:

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Deputy Chief for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Perceptions of Risk, Trust, Responsibility, and Management Preferences Among Fire-Prone Communities on the San Bernardino National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Perceptions of Risk, Trust, and Responsibility, and Management Preferences Among Fire-Prone

Communities on the San Bernardino National Forest.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia L. Winter, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA FS, (909) 680-1557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Perceptions of Risk, Trust, Responsibility, and Management Preferences Among Fire-Prone Communities on the San Bernardino National Forest.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Forest Service and university researchers will contact community residents within or adjacent to the San Bernardino National Forest. Through those contacts they will evaluate concern about fire and fire risk, knowledge about fire, values focused on fire management, trust, objectives and alternatives for fire management, personal experiences with fire, stressors associated with fire and fire risk, responsibility and accomplishments for fire management, future orientation, and sociodemographics. The results will help the researchers improve their ability to provide information to natural resource managers on public perceptions of fire and fire management. To gather the information, residents in four communities within or adjacent to the San Bernardino National Forest will be contacted through mailed correspondence, inviting their participation in a focus group study. Willing or interested parties will contact the researcher to be scheduled into one of two sessions in their community. Those agreeing to participate will be involved in a focus group discussion and will complete a self-administered survey.