

impact statement is required for national implementation of the program.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments on the EA and FONSI must be postmarked on or before February 10, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be sent to the Director of the Financial Assistance Programs Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5241-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the FONSI, the Final EA, or additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** Notice can be obtained by contacting one of the following individuals at the addresses and telephone numbers shown below:

Mr. Craig Derickson, Conservation Security Program Branch Chief, Financial Assistance Programs Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5233-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890, Telephone: (202) 720-3524.

Ms. Andrée DuVarney, National Environmental Specialist, Ecological Sciences Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 6158-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890, Telephone: (202) 720-4925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of the Proposed Action**

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is a voluntary program providing both technical and financial assistance to producers of agricultural operations for the conservation and improvement of the quality of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life on working lands. The intent of the program is to recognize producers financially for the significant environmental goods and services they provide to the public through their annual and ongoing conservation stewardship efforts, to motivate other agricultural producers to do the same, and to secure the Nations ability to produce food and fiber. The need to which NRCS is responding by proposing action is the need to implement CSP in a manner that achieves the purposes for which Congress authorized it, including providing payments to producers who practice good conservation stewardship on their agriculture operations, providing payments to producers to maintain conservation practices they have implemented, to provide financial assistance to producers to implement new conservation practices, and to provide payments to producers as incentives to enhance their conservation achievements. Participation in the CSP requires that a Conservation Security

Program Plan be developed which includes an inventory of the agricultural operation to identify existing resource concerns and benchmark conditions of the land as well as determining the extent of existing conservation treatment. Annual payments made under CSP contracts may include a stewardship payment for existing conservation treatments, cost-share and maintenance payments, and an enhancement payment for exceptional conservation effort. A three tiered approach is used to determine the level and limitations of all payments.

The Chief of NRCS has authority under CSP to assist producers who participate in the CSP to develop a comprehensive, long term strategy for improving and maintaining all natural resources of the producer's agricultural operation. All participants must meet the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended.

The CSP authorizes activities that reward agricultural producers for actions they have already taken to improve the quality and quantity of natural resources, and to implement new conservation measures that will also do so. NRCS has in the past and will continue to document the results of an environmental evaluation on a site-specific level consistent with NRCS policy and, as stated in the Environmental Assessment, will consult with the appropriate organizations to avoid, reduce or mitigate adverse impacts on protected resources. NRCS will comply with requirements protecting unique geographic features and other resources, as well as NRCS policies protecting natural and cultural resources. Thus, any adverse effects that may result from this program will occur at a much lower threshold than the Environmental Impact Statement threshold. Because the purpose of the program is to improve the quality of natural resources and because of the steps NRCS will take to work with other agencies as necessary on a site-specific basis to avoid, mitigate and reduce any potential collateral adverse effects, there is no threat of a violation of any Federal, State or local law or other requirements for the protection of the environment resulting from the proposed rule to implement the CSP. There is no impact on public health or safety identified in this EA or otherwise expected.

Implementation of the CSP rule is not sufficiently related to other actions that either individually or cumulatively is likely to result in the type of significant impacts that NEPA is intended to address. Based on the information in the EA for the CSP, the Chief of the NRCS

finds that the proposed actions are not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment that requires preparation of an EIS.

Copies of the EA and FONSI may be reviewed at the following location: Financial Assistance Programs Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5241-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890. The documents may also be accessed on the Internet, at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Env\\_Assess/CSP/CSP.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Env_Assess/CSP/CSP.html).

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 20, 2004.

**Bruce I. Knight,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Lower Payette River Ditch Diversion, Replacement Payette County, ID**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that a draft environmental assessment has been prepared for a federally assisted proposed project by the Lower Payette Ditch Company, Payette County, Idaho.

**DATES:** Comments will be received for a 45 day period commencing with this date of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Sims, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 9173 W. Barnes Dr., Suite C, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1574, telephone: (208) 378-5700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preliminary information of this federally assisted proposed action indicates that the proposed action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Richard Sims, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an

environmental assessment is needed for this project.

The objective of the Lower Payette Ditch Company proposed action is to provide efficient water delivery, operator safety and low maintenance, reliability, and adequate fish and recreational boater passage, while not adversely affecting the environment. The proposed project would replace the existing deteriorating diversion structure with an automated inflatable diversion dam. Alternatives evaluated to meet these objectives include: No Action, Upgrade Existing Diversion Dam with an Automated Inflatable Dam, Replace Existing Diversion Dam with a Push-Up Diversion Dam.

The Lower Payette Ditch Company invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental assessment. A limited number of copies of the EA are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Richard Sims.

Further information on the proposed action or future public meetings may be obtained from Richard Sims, State Conservationist, at the above address or telephone (208) 378-5700.

Dated: December 23, 2004.

**Richard Sims,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, Idaho State Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the Idaho State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of the NRCS in Idaho to issue revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. The revised standards are: Alley Cropping (311), Waste Storage Facility (313), Brush Management (314),

Composting Facility (317), Well Decommissioning (351), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (370), Silvopasture Establishment (381), Field Border (386), Irrigation Water Conveyance—Ditch and Canal Lining, Flexible Membrane (428B), Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442), Forest Site Preparation (490), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Nutrient Management (590), Pest Management (595) and Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (610).

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquire in writing to Richard W. Sims, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 9173 W. Barnes Dr., Suite C, Boise, Idaho 83709. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request. You may also submit your electronic requests and comments to [barbara.albiston@id.usda.gov](mailto:barbara.albiston@id.usda.gov).

**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 carry out 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 Idaho will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Idaho regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: December 23, 2004.

**Richard W. Sims,**

*State Conservationist, Boise, Idaho.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

**[A-485-803]**

#### Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Romania

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brandon Farlander at (202) 482-0182 or Abdelali Elouaradia at (202) 482-1374, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On

September 7, 2004, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania. *See Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Romania: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Intent To Rescind in Part*, 69 FR 54108 (September 7, 2004). Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, ("the Act"), the final results are currently due on January 5, 2005.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Final Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, as amended, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the final results of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the final results within the statutory time limit of 120 days from the date on which the preliminary results were published. The Department has determined that due to the complexity of the issues arising from Romania's graduation to market economy status during the review period, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of these final results by 30 days. Accordingly, the final results of this review will now be due on February 4, 2005.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: January 5, 2005.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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