

meeting by a TSA representative is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, a position of TSA.

(7) The meeting is designed to solicit public views and gather additional information. No individual will be subject to cross-examination by any other participant; however, TSA representatives may ask questions to clarify a statement.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on February 28, 2005.

Chad Wolf,

Assistant Administrator for Transportation Security Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4980-N-09]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 4, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD published a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: February 24, 2005.

Mark R. Johnston,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4917-N-04]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Commissioner under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2005, is 5 percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2005, is 4⁷/₈ percent. However, as a result of a recent amendment to section 224 of the Act, if an insurance claim relating to a mortgage insured under sections 203 or 234 of the Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, is paid in cash, the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating a claim shall be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Richard Keyser, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2232, Washington,

DC 20410-8000; telephone 202-755-7500 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2005, is 4⁷/₈ percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 4⁷/₈ percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2005. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2005.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1980	Jan. 1, 1981.
11 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
12 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1981	Jan. 1, 1982.
12 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1982	Jan. 1, 1983.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 1984.
11 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1984	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1985	Jan. 1, 1986.
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1986	Jan. 1, 1987.
8	Jan. 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987	Jan. 1, 1988.
9 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1988	Jan. 1, 1989.
9 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989	Jan. 1, 1990.
8 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990	Jan. 1, 1991.
8 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 1991	Jan. 1, 1992.
8	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.
7 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 ³ / ₄	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1999.
5 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1999	July 1, 1999.
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000.
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2000	July 1, 2000.
6 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001.
6	Jan. 1, 2001	July 1, 2001.
5 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2002.
5 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2002	July 1, 2002.
5 ³ / ₄	July 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2003.
5	Jan. 1, 2003	July 1, 2003.
4 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2004.
5 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2004	July 1, 2004.
5 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2005.
4 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2005	July 1, 2005.

Section 215 of HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act amended section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, effective immediately, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H-15. The Federal Housing Administration is in the process of making conforming amendments to applicable regulations to

fully implement this recent change to section 224 of the Act.

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2005, is 5 percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in July 2005.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 17151, 17150; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d))

Dated: February 18, 2005.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior; Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, March 11, 2005, Time 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Heritage Conservancy, Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988 and extended through Pub. L. 105-355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 923-3548.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

C. Allen Sachse,

Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

2005 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the dates and locations of the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp contest; the public is invited to enter and to attend.

DATES: 1. The official date to begin the submission of entries to the 2005 contest is June 1, 2005. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Monday, August 15, 2005.

2. The public may first view the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Tuesday, September 13 and on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3. Judging will be held on Thursday, September 15 and on Friday, September 16, 2005 beginning at 10 a.m.

4. The contest will be held in Memphis, Tennessee at a location to be announced later.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the contest rules, reproduction rights agreement, and display and participation agreement may be requested by calling 1-703-358-2000, or requests may be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622. You may also download the information from the Federal Duck Stamp Web site at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan W. Booth, Federal Duck Stamp Office, (703) 358-2004, or by e-mail Ryan_W_Booth@fws.gov, or fax at (703) 358-2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 16, 1934, Congress passed and President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act, it required all waterfowl hunters 16 years or older to buy a stamp annually. The revenue generated was originally earmarked for the Department of Agriculture, but 5 years later was transferred to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy or lease waterfowl sanctuaries.

In the years since its enactment, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has become one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated. Today, some 1.8 million stamps are sold each year, and as of 2004, Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$700 million for the preservation of more than 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. Numerous other birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians have similarly prospered because of habitat protection made possible by the program. An estimated one-third of the Nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges preserved by Duck Stamp funds. Moreover, the protected wetlands help dissipate storms, purify water supplies, store flood water, and nourish fish hatchlings important for sport and commercial fishermen.

The Contest

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed at President Franklin Roosevelt's request by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a nationally known political cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register* and a noted hunter and wildlife conservationist. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs. The first contest was opened in 1949 to any U.S. artist who wished to enter, and 65 artists submitted a total of 88 design entries in the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. Government. To select each year's design, a panel of noted art, waterfowl, and philatelic authorities are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Winners receive no compensation for the work, except a pane of their stamps, but winners may sell prints of their designs, which are sought by hunters, conservationists, and art collectors.

The public may view the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp entries on Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at a time and location to be announced in the future. This year's judging will be held Thursday, September 15 and Friday, September 16, 2005.

Eligible Species

Species eligible for the 2005 contest include brant, northern shoveler, Ross' goose, ruddy duck and Canada goose. Entries featuring a species other than the above listed species will be disqualified.