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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Recreation Fee Site; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Homochitto National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of new recreation fee site.

SUMMARY: Okhissa Lake is a recreational complex currently under development on the Homochitto National Forest, located near Bude, Mississippi. The lake will open for use by the public for boating and fishing between July and November 2007. The exact opening date will depend on completing work on infrastructure needed to support fishing (restrooms, boat launch, parking lots, etc.). Other recreational day-use activities (swimming, picnicking) will be available later as amenities to accommodate them are added. The Forest Service proposes to charge \$5 per vehicle for access to all day-use activities (boat launching, swimming, and picnicking). Fees will not be charged until infrastructure needed to support an activity is available for use by the public. A \$50 annual pass will also be available for purchase by the public. The annual pass would allow 12-month access to all day-use activities (boat launching, swimming, and picnicking). Opportunities for developed and primitive camping will be available in the future as work needed to accommodate these activities is complete. When available, the Forest Service will charge \$13 for developed camping and \$7 for primitive camping. Funds received from these fees will be used for continued operation and maintenance of the recreational complex and allow additional amenities to be added in the future. Funds will

also be used to enhance or restore fisheries habitat of the lake.

DATES: Recreational boating and fishing opportunities at Okhissa Lake will be available to the public between July and November 2007. Other recreational activities described above will be available as infrastructure to support them is added.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gainey, Recreation Program Manager, 601-965-1617, National Forests in Mississippi, 100 West Capitol Street, Suite 1141, Jackson, MS 39269.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, P.L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The Homochitto National Forest currently manages only one other developed recreation site that provides camping, fishing and other day-use activities. Comparable recreational use fees are currently charged at this site. Development of Okhissa Lake and associated facilities are aimed at creating new recreational opportunities in an area that is economically depressed.

Dated: November 7, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program Applications for Feasibility Studies or Feasibility and Marketing Studies

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of grants up to \$50,000 per application from the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2007 for feasibility studies or feasibility and marketing studies, to be competitively awarded. The amount

available for these competitive grants is \$250,000. Funding under this announcement is targeted to the Rural Economic Area Partnerships (REAP) Zones. A list of current REAP Zones is available at <http://www.ezec.gov/communit/reap.html>. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations bill to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, submit applications, and give the Agency time to process applications.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications in the Rural Development State Office is December 8, 2006. Applications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date will not be considered for FY 2007 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities located in REAP Zones wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the application package. REAP Zones are located in the states of New York, North Dakota, and Vermont. Contact information for the Rural Development State Offices in those states is as follows:

New York, USDA Rural Development State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202-2541, (315) 477-6400/TDD (315) 477-6447.
North Dakota, USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502-1737, (701) 530-2037/TDD (701) 530-2113.

Vermont/New Hampshire, USDA Rural Development State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-6000/TDD (802) 223-6365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS).

Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Business Enterprise Grants.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 10.769.

Dates: Application Deadline: Completed applications must be received in the Rural Development State Office no later than December 8, 2006, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.