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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet October 28–30, 2009. The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at The Madison Hotel, 1177 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3858 South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0321, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Hunter, Executive Director or Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: (202) 720–3684; fax: (202) 720–6199; or e-mail: Karen.hunter@ars.usda.gov or Shirley.morgan@ars.usda.gov. Persons requiring sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations

should contact either individual in advance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public, with opportunity for public comment each day. On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, an orientation session for new members and interested incumbent members will be held from 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. (noon). The full Advisory Board will convene at 12 p.m. (noon) with introductory remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board. There will be brief introductions of new Board members, incumbents, and guests followed by general Board business. Comments will be heard from a variety of distinguished leaders and experts, as well as officials and/or leaders from the four agencies in the USDA Research, Education, and Economics mission area. Speakers will provide information for the Board to consider while developing recommendations regarding enhancement of USDA research, extension, education, and economic programs for the protection of US food, fiber, fuel and agricultural systems. The Honorable Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has been invited to provide brief remarks and welcome the new Board members. On Thursday, October 29, 2009, the Board will reconvene at 8 a.m. Dr. Rajiv Shah, Under Secretary of the Research, Education, and Economics mission area has been invited to speak during the meeting. Presentations and discussions throughout the day will focus on two subject areas: (1) Cooperative Extension and (2) Nutrition and Health in Youth. The meeting will adjourn by 6 p.m. On Friday, October 30, 2009, the Board will reconvene at 8 a.m. to discuss initial recommendations resulting from the meeting and future planning for the Board. Opportunity for public comment will be offered each day of the meeting. The Board Meeting will adjourn by 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, October 30, 2009.

Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Friday, November 13, 2009). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Extension,

Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC this 21st day of September 2009.

Maura O'Neill,
Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor for Energy and Climate.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Forest Industries and Residential Fuelwood and Post Data Collection Systems

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 renewal of a currently approved information collection, Forest Industries and Residential Fuelwood and Post Data Collection Systems. This will combine the Forest Industries Data Collection System (OMB Number: 0596–0010) and the Residential Fuelwood and Post Assessment in Selected States (OMB Number: 0596–0009, expired).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 30, 2009 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: USDA, Forest Service, Attn: Ronald Piva, Northern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 651–649–5140 or by e-mail to: rpiva@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Northern Research Station, 1992 Folwell Ave., Room 513, St. Paul, MN during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 651–649–5150 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Piva, Northern Research Station, at 651–649–5150. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay

Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Forest Industries and Residential Fuelwood and Post Data Collection Systems.

OMB Number: 0596-0010.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Abstract: The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from National Forest System lands. To collect this information, Forest Service personnel use three questionnaires, which respondents

return in self-addressed, postage pre-paid envelopes.

Pulpwood Received Questionnaire: Forest Service personnel use this questionnaire to collect and evaluate information from pulp and composite panel mills in order to monitor the volume, types, species, sources, and prices of timber products harvested throughout the Nation. The data collected will be used to provide essential information about the current use of the Nation's timber resources for pulpwood industrial products and is not available from other sources.

Logs and Other Roundwood Received Questionnaire: This questionnaire is used by Forest Service personnel to collect and evaluate information from primary wood-using mills, including small, part-time mills, as well as large corporate entities. Primary wood-using mills are facilities that use harvested wood in log or chip form, such as sawlogs, veneer logs, pulpwood, and

pulp chips, to manufacture a secondary product, such as lumber or paper. Forest Service personnel evaluate the information collected and use it to monitor the volume types, species, sources, and prices of timber products harvested throughout the Nation.

Residential Fuelwood and Post Questionnaire: Forest Service personnel use this questionnaire to collect and evaluate information from residential households and logging contractors in order to monitor the volume, types, species, sources of fuelwood and posts harvested for residential use, as well as the types of burning facilities in the State. The collected information will enable land managers to determine what timber to sell for use as fuelwood or fence posts, how well the local forested land will meet the demand for these timber products, and how to project future demands on these renewable natural resources.

	Pulpwood received questionnaire	Logs and other roundwood received questionnaire	Residential fuelwood and post questionnaire
Estimate of annual burden hours	30 minutes (0.5)	50 minutes (0.84)	10 minutes (0.17).
Type of respondents	Primary users of industrial pulpwood.	Primary users of industrial roundwood products.	Residential households and logging contractors.
Estimated annual number of respondents.	188	1628	1500.
Estimated annual number of responses per respondent.	1	1	1.
Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents.	94 hours	1368 hours	255 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: September 24, 2009.

William J. Lange,

Acting Deputy Chief, Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Request for Proposals for Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant—Forest Restoration Activities on All Priority Forestlands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State and Private Forestry, Technology Marketing Unit, located at the Forest Products Laboratory, requests proposals for projects that increase the use of woody

biomass that is removed during hazardous fuels treatment projects on both public and private forestlands. The Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization (WBU) Grant Program is intended to improve the effectiveness of forest restoration activities by creating and expanding markets for small-diameter material, low-value trees, and woody biomass removed during hazardous fuel reduction and forest health activities. These funds are intended to assist communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn low-value woody biomass materials from forest restoration activities into marketable forest products and/or energy products.

DATES: *Pre-application Postmark Deadline:* November 20, 2009. *Full Application Postmark Deadline:* April 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: All pre-applications and full applications must be sent to the following address: U.S. Forest Service, ATTN: Patricia Brumm, Grant Officer, Forest Products Laboratory, One Gifford