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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council


ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet on June 4, 5, and 6, 2013. The meeting will be held in Denver, CO, at the Webb Municipal Building and the Denver City/County Buildings. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce new members, develop the 2014 work plan, and develop the 2015 grant categories, listen to local constituents urban forestry concerns, prepare for the 10-year action plan revisions, receive Forest Service budget program updates, and initiate the 2013 accomplishment/recommendations report.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 4 at the Webb Municipal Building and on June 5 and 6 at the Denver City/County Building from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until Council business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting on June 4 will be held at the Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax Ave., Denver, CO. The meeting on June 5 and 6 will be held at the Denver City/County Building, 1437 Bannock Street C, Denver, CO.

Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., MS–1151, Washington, DC, desk phone 202–205–7829, or cell phone 202–309–9873, email: nstremple@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Those interested in attending should contact Nancy Stremple to be placed on the meeting attendance list and to facilitate entrance to the Webb Municipal and the Denver City/County Buildings. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members; however, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council Executive Staff (1400 Independence Ave. SW., MS–1151, Washington, DC 20250–1151, email: nstremple@fs.fed.us) before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided at the meeting.

Dated: May 23, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Research on Evacuating Persons with Mobility Impairments.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 280.

Average Hours per Response: Surveys, 15 minutes; Interviews, 2 hours; and Focus groups, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 193.

Needs and Uses: NIST’s previous research on elevators has primarily focused on the technical aspects of ensuring safe and reliable evacuation for the occupants of tall buildings. In addition, the International Code Council and the National Fire Protection Association provide requirements for the use of elevators for both occupant evacuation and fire fighter access into the building. However, there still is little understanding of how occupants use elevator systems during fire emergencies.

The focus of this research effort is two-fold: (1) to gain an understanding of how building occupants with mobility impairments currently evacuate multi-story buildings in the United States during fire emergencies, and (2) to learn about the concerns of persons with mobility impairments on using elevators during fire evacuations. This research aims to provide guidance to designers and building managers on aspects of fire evacuation that concern occupants with mobility impairments and on how to improve elevator design and usage during fire emergencies. The research includes four opportunities for participation:

(a) Building managers and designated safety personnel from a sample of four to ten existing and new federal high-rise buildings in the United States will be contacted to complete a questionnaire requesting information on the emergency plans and procedures for the building, including how the buildings’ evacuation plans incorporate the use of the existing elevator system to evacuate occupants with mobility impairments during fire emergencies. The building emergency plan will be requested from either the General Services Administration (GSA) or from the building manager.

(b) Occupants with mobility impairments in the buildings identified in part (a) will be asked for basic information on their mobility with