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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) pursuant to Section 606 of the Community Forest Restoration Act (Act) (Pub. L. 106–393), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (5 U.S.C. App. 2). Additional information on the Panel can be found by visiting the CFRP Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by June 4, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD–755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Walter Dunn, Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Dunn, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel, (505) 842–3425, wdunn@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations to fill two

positions representing Conservation Interests on the Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant proposals submitted pursuant to Act best meet the CFRP objectives. The CFRP provides cost-share grants to community and stakeholder groups for forest restoration projects that are designed through a collaborative process. The projects must be in New Mexico, and may be entirely on, or on any combination of, Federal, tribal, State, county, or municipal forest lands. The CFRP supports the development of cost effective restoration activities; empowers diverse organizations to implement activities that value local and traditional knowledge; builds ownership and civic pride; and contributes to the restoration of healthy, diverse, and productive forests and watersheds.

Vacancy

Two representatives for Conservation Interests will be appointed by the Secretary to a 2-year term. Vacancies will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

Nomination and Application Instructions

To be considered for membership on the Panel nominees for the Conservation Interests positions must be United States citizens and be at least 18 years of age. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Panel, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. The appointment of members to the Panel is made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above Panel vacancies. Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Panel must submit an AD–755 application form and resume to the USDA Forest Service. The AD–755, including the enclosed continuation sheets, and resume should address the following evaluation criteria:

1. Knowledge of forest management issues in New Mexico;
2. Experience working with government planning process;
3. Knowledge and understanding of the various cultures and communities in New Mexico;
4. Ability to actively participate in diverse team settings; and

5. Demonstrated skill in working toward mutually beneficial solutions to complex issues.

Cover letters should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture. The form AD–755 may be obtained on the CFRP Web site <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>, or from the following Web site: http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf.

All nominations will be vetted by USDA. A list of qualified applicants from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint members to the Panel will be prepared. Members of the Panel will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Panel, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Panel. To ensure that the recommendations of the Panel have been taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 29, 2014.

Gregory Parham,

Assistant Secretary of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Certified State Mediation Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection that supports the Certified State Mediation Program. The information collection is necessary to ensure that the grant program is administered properly. The collection of information is used to determine whether participants meet the eligibility requirements to be a recipient of grant funds. Lack of

adequate information to make the determination could result in the improper administration of Federal grant funds.

DATES: We will consider comments we receive by July 7, 2014.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Gene Christie, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Stop 0521, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Gene Christie at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Christie; (202) 690-2517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certified State Mediation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0165.
Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2014.

Type of Request: Extension with revision.

Abstract: FSA administers the Certified State Mediation Program according to Subtitles A and B of Title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5106). The number of state-certified mediation programs has remained stable for several years, and the current submission eliminates collections that are no longer applicable. In particular, requests to add a new state-certified mediation program have not been received in several years and are therefore removed from the time calculation.

To effectively administer the Program, FSA requires an application for recertification, which includes submission of a letter from the State, and completion of a letter from the grantee, SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, and SF-425. In addition, approved grantees provide a mid-year report as well as an annual report that includes information on mediation services provided during the preceding Federal fiscal year, assessment of the performance and effectiveness of the State's Program, and any other matters related to the Program as the State elects to include. In addition, program participants complete SF-270 to request

either advance funding or reimbursement of expenses already paid. The information requested is necessary for FSA to determine participants' eligibility and administer the Program efficiently and effectively. Lastly, the times included in previous requests were excessive; they have been adjusted accordingly to reflect current use.

The formula used to calculate the total burden hours is estimated average time per response (includes travel times) hours/minutes times total annual responses. The estimated annual burden per respondent is different from the estimated average time per response because one or more forms are filed more than once a year.

Estimated Annual Burden: The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 10 hours per unduplicated respondent.

Respondents: State agencies, Universities, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 37.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 222.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 1.66.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 370.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice, including name and addresses, when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed on April 25, 2014.

Juan M. Garcia,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to re-establish the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service intends to re-establish the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (Board). The purpose is to obtain advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, forest health including fire management and mountain pine beetle infestations, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, recreation fees, and site-specific projects having forest wide implications. The Forest Service is also seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as committee members. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by June 4, 2014. Instructions for submitting a nomination package may be found in the section below entitled, "Advisory Committee Organization".

ADDRESSES: Send nominations and applications to Frances Reynolds, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 720 Simms Street, Golden, Colorado 80401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor, USDA, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, telephone: 605-673-9201, fax: 605-673-9208, or email: cbobzien@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA 16565—Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board is a non-scientific program advisory Board established by the Secretary of Agriculture in 2003 to provide advice and counsel to the U.S. Forest Service, Black Hills National Forest, in the wake of increasingly severe and intense wild fires and mountain pine beetle epidemics.

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, travel management, forest monitoring