

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mediation programs has remained stable for several years, and the current submission eliminates collections that are no longer applicable.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

and evaluation, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications. The Board also serves to meet the needs of the Recreation Enhancement Act of 2005 as a recreation resource advisory board (RRAC) for the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Board provides timely advice and recommendations to the Secretary through the forest supervisor regarding programmatic forest issues and project-level issues that have forest-wide implications for the Black Hills National Forest.

The Board meets approximately ten times a year, with one month being a field trip, held in August and focusing on both current issues and the educational value of seeing management strategies and outcomes on the ground. This Board has been established as a truly credible entity and a trusted voice on forest management issues and is doing often astonishing work in helping to develop informed consent for forest management.

For years, the demands made on the Black Hills National Forest have resulted in conflicts among interest groups resulting in both forest-wide and site-specific programs being delayed due to appeals and litigation. The Board provides a forum to resolve these issues to allow for the Black Hills National Forest to move forward in its management activities. The Board is believed to be one of the few groups with broad enough scope to address all of the issues and include all of the jurisdictional boundaries.

Significant Contributions

The Board's most significant accomplishments include:

1. A 2004 report on the Black Hills Fuels Reduction Plan, a priority following the major fires including the 86,000 acre Jasper Fire in 2000;
2. A 2004 initial Off-Highway Vehicle Travel Management Subcommittee report;
3. A report on their findings regarding the thesis, direction, and assumptions of Phase II of our Forest Plan produced in 2005;
4. The Invasive Species Subcommittee Report in 2005 covering recommendations to better stop invasive species from infiltrating the Forest;
5. A final Travel Management Subcommittee Report in 2006 in which the Board made 11 recommendations regarding characteristics of a designated motor vehicle trail system, the basis for our initial work to prepare our Motor Vehicle Use Map in 2010–2011;
6. The Board's annual work to attract funding through grants based on the Collaborative Landscape Forest

Restoration Program (CFLRP), a program of the Secretary of Agriculture *CFLR Program* to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes;

7. A letter to the Secretary and the Chief of the Forest Service to work, restore and maintain open space for wildlife habitat and recreation needs like snowmobile trails; and

8. The annual reports to the Secretary detailing the Board's activities, issues, and accomplishments.

The Board is deemed to be among the most effective public involvement strategies in the Forest Service and continues to lead by example for Federal, State, and local government agencies working to coordinate and cooperate in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming.

Background

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II); notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to re-establish the charter of the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board. The Board provides advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest planning issues and, in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 108–447 (REA)), more specifically will provide advice and recommendations on Black Hills National Forest recreation fee issues (serving as the RRAC for the Black Hills National Forest). The Board membership consists of individuals representing commodity interests, amenity interests, and State and local government.

The Board has been determined to be in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the Black Hills National Forest. National forest management requires improved coordination among the interests and governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public that the agency serves.

Advisory Committee Organization

The Board consists of 16 members that are representative of the following interests (this membership is similar to the membership outlined by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act for Resource Advisory Committees (16 U.S.C. 500, et seq.)):

1. Economic development;
2. Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation;
3. Energy and mineral development;
4. Commercial timber industry;

5. Permittee (grazing or other land use within the Black Hills area);

6. Nationally recognized environmental organizations;

7. Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;

8. Dispersed recreation;

9. Archeology or history;

10. Nationally or regionally recognized sportsmen's groups, such as anglers or hunters;

11. South Dakota State-elected offices;

12. Wyoming State-elected offices;

13. South Dakota or Wyoming county- or local-elected officials;

14. Tribal government elected or appointed officials;

15. South Dakota State natural resource agency official; and

16. Wyoming State natural resource agency officials.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee. The Committee will meet approximately nine times, and will attend at least one summer field tour as designated by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

The appointment of members to the Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to serve on the Board. Individuals may also nominate themselves. To be considered for membership, nominees must submit a:

1. Resume describing qualifications for membership to the Committee;
2. Cover letter with rationale for serving on the committee and what you can contribute; and
3. Complete form AD–755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

Letters of recommendations are welcome. The AD–755 may be obtained from Forest Service contact person or from the following Web site: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/ad755.pdf. All nominations will be vetted by USDA. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint committee members to the Board from the list of qualified applicants.

The members of the Board will elect and determine the responsibilities of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson. In absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson will act in the Chairperson's stead. The Forest Supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest serves as the Designated Federal Official under sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II).

Members will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing

duties on behalf of the Board, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices are followed in all appointments to the Board in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have been taken into account the needs of diverse groups, served by the Black Hills National Forest, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 29, 2014.

Gregory Parham,

Assistant Secretary of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sabine-Angelina Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation of nominees.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) (the Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., App. 2), the Sabine-Angelina Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) announces the solicitation of nominees to fill vacancies. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The RAC covers the Angelina and Sabine National Forests.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before September 30, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application package that includes the following:

(1) Nominee's name,

(2) Resume, and

(3) Completed Form AD-755

(Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information).

The package must be sent to the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations and applications to Kimpton M. Cooper, District Ranger or Becky Nix, RAC Coordinator, Sabine Ranger District, 5050 State Hwy 21 East, Hemphill, Texas 75948.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimpton M. Cooper by phone at 409-625-1940 or 936-897-1068 or via email at kmcooper@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:

Background

On October 2, 2013, the Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-40) reauthorized the Act. The purpose of the RAC is to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The duties of the RAC include monitoring projects, advising the Secretary on the progress and results of the monitoring efforts, and making recommendations to the Forest Service for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the RACs.

RAC Membership

The RAC will be comprised of 15 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. RAC membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed. The RAC members will serve 4-year terms. The RAC shall include representation from the following interest areas:

(1) Five persons who represent:

(a) Organized Labor or Non-Timber Forest Product Harvester Groups,

(b) Developed Outdoor Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Users, or Commercial Recreation Activities,

(c) Energy and Mineral Development, or Commercial or Recreational Fishing Groups,

(d) Commercial Timber Industry, or

(e) Federal Grazing Permit or Other Land Use Permit Holders, or Representative of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners, within the area for which the committee is organized.

(2) Five persons who represent:

(a) Nationally or Regionally Recognized Environmental Organizations,

(b) Regionally or Locally Recognized Environmental Organizations,

(c) Dispersed Recreational Activities,

(d) Archaeology and History, or

(e) Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Horse and Burro Interest, Wildlife Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Associations.

(3) Five persons who represent:

(a) Hold State-Elected Office,

(b) Hold County or Local-Elected Office,

(c) American Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized,

(d) Area School Officials or Teachers, or

(e) Affected Public at Large.

In the event that a vacancy arises, the DFO may fill the vacancy with a replacement member appointed by the Secretary, if an appropriate replacement member is available.

Nominations and Applications Information

The appointment of members to the RAC will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the interest areas listed above. To be considered for membership, nominees must:

1. Be a resident of Texas;

2. Identify what interest group they would represent and how they are qualified to represent that interest group;

3. State why they want to serve on the RAC and what they can contribute;

4. Show their past experience in working successfully as part of a working group on forest management activities; and

5. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information.

You may contact the person listed above to receive the Form AD-755. All nominations will be vetted by the Agency.

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

Dated: April 25, 2014.

Gregory Parham,

Assistant Secretary of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.