

drought conditions. Allowing haying and grazing on the proposed conservation practices in drought-designated areas would require concurrence and approval by certain State or Federal agencies.

Public Involvement

The Final SPEIS provides a means for the public and any interested parties to provide comments about the CRP changes analyzed in the SPEIS. The Final SPEIS can be reviewed online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecrc&topicnep-cd> or at <http://crpspeis.com>.

FSA received eight comments from Federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as private organizations and members of the

concerned public in response to the NOI. The comments raised 55 individual issues covering a range of topics including legislation changes, CRP maximum enrollment and acreages, regional differences in haying and grazing impacts, lack of thorough environmental and socioeconomic impact analysis in previous NEPA documentation, and CRP funding policy. The comments were considered in developing the Proposed Action and the SPEIS environmental consequences to ensure the concerns were adequately addressed.

The NOA provided a summary of the changes to CRP, the Proposed Action, and the No Action Alternative. Also included in the NOA was a description of how to provide comments, as well as

a list of the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings that were held as a part of the public involvement process. The information about where and when those meetings were held are shown below in Table 1. FSA held 5 public meetings to provide information and opportunities for discussing the changes to CRP identified in the 2014 Farm Bill and analyzed in the Draft SPEIS. The public meetings featured an Open House format, and interested parties were invited to attend the meetings at any time during the allotted timeframes. Posters and informational handouts as well as FSA representatives were available for the duration of the meetings to answer questions concerning the Draft CRP SPEIS.

TABLE 1—PUBLIC MEETING DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS.

Date	Time	Location information
July 21, 2014	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Hilton Garden Inn, Spokane Airport, 9015 West SR Highway 2, Spokane, Washington, 99224.
July 22, 2014	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn, Great Falls, 1100 5th Street, South Falls, Montana, 59405.
August 4, 2014	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, 3301 East 50th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79404.
August 5, 2014	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Stillwater Library, 1107 S Duck Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74074.
August 6, 2014	6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Courtyard By Marriott and Moorhead Area, Conference Center, 1080 28th Avenue, South, Moorhead, Minnesota, 56560.

FSA received 18 comments during the comment period. Those 18 comments included 75 issues to be considered in the Final SPEIS. Table 2 provides a breakdown of the comments by category.

TABLE 2—NUMBER OF COMMENTS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY

Comment category	Number of comments
Alternative	1
Cumulative impacts	3
Early termination of contract	2
Emergency haying and grazing	22
Farmable wetlands	1
Final year of contract	1
Grassland enrollment	14
Haying and grazing payment reduction	1
Intermittent and seasonal use of buffer	1
Managed harvesting and routine grazing frequencies	11

The comment summary report is included as an appendix in the CRP SPEIS. The report provides additional detail on the Draft SPEIS comment process, a copy of the NOA, copies of all public meeting materials, and responses to all 75 substantive issues and how they were addressed in the Final SPEIS.

Signed on December 15, 2014.

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AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service published a document in the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2014, concerning a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement. The document contained incorrect dates for the estimated publication of draft and final environmental impact statements. We anticipate completing the draft environmental impact statement in April 2015 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in June 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Schuler, Project Leader at USDA Forest Service, 304–478–2000. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2014, in FR Vol. 79, No. 239, on page 73880 in the third column correct the “Dates” caption to read:

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 26, 2015. The draft environmental impact statement is expected April 2015 and the final environmental statement is expected June 2015.

Dated: December 16, 2014.

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Project Leader, NRS–01.

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