

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Office of the Secretary****Notice of Solicitation of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 9 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

**DATES:** Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is July 31, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The nominee's name, resume, completed Form AD-755, and any letters of support must be submitted via one of the following methods:

- (1) Email to [nareee@ars.usda.gov](mailto:nareee@ars.usda.gov); or
- (2) By mail delivery service to Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Attn: NAREEE Advisory Board, Room 332A, Whitten Building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Esch, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 332A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, telephone: 202-720-3684; fax: 202-720-6199; email: [michele.esch@ars.usda.gov](mailto:michele.esch@ars.usda.gov). Committee Web site: [www.nareeeab.ree.usda.gov](http://www.nareeeab.ree.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board was established in 1996 via Section 1408 of the *National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123)* to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics. Section 1408 of the *National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123)* was amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2008 by deleting six membership categories in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which totals 25 members. Since the Advisory

Boards inception by congressional legislation in 1996, each member has represented a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of its members were appointed for a one, two, and three-year term, respectively. The terms for 9 members who represent specific categories will expire September 30, 2015.

Nominations for a 3-year appointment for these 9 vacant categories are sought. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category.

The 9 slots to be filled are:

- Category A. National Farm Organization
- Category C. Food Animal Commodity Producer
- Category I. National Human Health Association
- Category N. Non-Land Grant College or University w/historic commitment to research in food and agricultural sciences
- Category O. Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Category Q. Transportation of Food and Agricultural Products to domestic and foreign markets
- Category R. Food Retailing and Marketing Interests
- Category S. Food and Fiber Processors
- Category X. Private Sector Organization involved in International Development

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category, will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must submit form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below or from: [http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/AD-755\\_Master\\_2012\\_508%20Ver.pdf](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/AD-755_Master_2012_508%20Ver.pdf)). All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race,

color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure the recommendation of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the USDA, membership shall 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.

Please note that registered lobbyist and individuals already serving another USDA Federal Advisory Committee, are ineligible for nomination.

Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC, this 10th day of June 2015.

**Catherine Woteki,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Chief Scientist, USDA.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Notice of New Recreation Fee**

**AGENCY:** Plumas National Forest, Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of new recreation fee; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447).

**SUMMARY:** The Plumas National Forest is proposing to add Crocker Guard Station to the recreation rental program. The proposal is to charge \$85.00 per night. The house has four bedrooms with a total of nine beds, a living room, a dining room and a kitchen. A vault toilet building was installed in June 2015. The rental building will have a propane operated heater, stove and lights. Visitors will have to bring water. The building will accommodate up to 16 people.

Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment and public comment. The fee listed is only proposed and final determination will be made upon further analysis and public comment. Other cabin rentals on National Forests in California have shown the public appreciates the enhanced recreational opportunity offered by these rehabilitated historic structures. Revenue from the fees would be retained locally and used for the