

not exceed 1/3 of a disturbance area but not to exceed 3,000 acres total harvest.

(a) Covered actions:

(i) Cutting, yarding, and removal of dead or dying trees and live trees needed for landings, skid trails, and road clearing. Includes chipping/grinding and removal of residual slash.

(ii) Jackpot burning, pile burning, or underburning.

(iii) Seeding or planting necessary to accelerate native species re-establishment.

(b) Such actions:

(i) Shall not require more than 1 mile of permanent road construction to facilitate the covered actions. Permanent roads are routes intended to be part of the BLM's permanent transportation system.

(ii) If a permanent road is constructed to facilitate the covered actions, the segments shall conform to all applicable land use planning decisions for permanent road construction in the land use plan; and if travel management planning has been completed, the route specific designations related to the new segments shall be disclosed.

(iii) May include temporary roads, which are defined as roads authorized by contract, permit, lease, other written authorization, or emergency operation not intended to be part of the BLM's permanent transportation system and not necessary for long-term resource management. Temporary roads shall be designed to standards appropriate for the intended uses, considering safety, cost of transportation, erosion control, potential sedimentation to streams, and impacts on land and resources.

(iv) Shall require the treatment of temporary roads constructed or used so as to permit the reestablishment, by artificial or natural means, of vegetative cover on the roadway and areas where the vegetative cover was disturbed by the construction or use of the road, as necessary to minimize erosion from the disturbed area. Such treatment shall be designed to reestablish vegetative cover as soon as practicable, but at least within 10 years after the termination of the contract.

(v) Shall require inclusion of project design features providing for protections of the following resources and resource uses consistent with the decisions in the applicable land use plan in the documentation of the categorical exclusion. If no land use plan decisions apply, documentation of the categorical exclusion shall identify how the following resources and resource uses are to be appropriately addressed:

(1) Level of snag and downed wood creation/retention;

(2) Specifications for erosion control features such as water bars, dispersed slash;

(3) Criteria for minimizing or remedying soil compaction;

(4) Types and extents of logging system constraints (e.g., seasonal, location, extent, etc.);

(5) Extent and purpose of seasonal operating constraints or restrictions;

(6) Criteria to limit spread of weeds;

(7) Size of riparian buffers and/or riparian zone operating restrictions;

(8) Operating constraints and restrictions for underburning or pile burning;

(9) Revegetation standards for temporary roads; and

(10) Limitations on road densities.

(c) For this CX, a dying tree is defined as a standing tree that has been severely damaged by forces such as fire, wind, ice, insects, or disease, and that in the judgement of an experienced forest professional or someone technically trained for the work, is likely to die within a few years. Examples include, but are not limited to:

(i) Harvesting a portion of a stand damaged by a wind or ice event.

(ii) Harvesting fire damaged trees.

Authority: NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); E.O. 11514, March 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977; and CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508).

Stephen G. Tryon,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice of Final Adoption and Effective Date; Submission Guidelines Related to Antennas on Federal and Certain District Buildings and Land

AGENCY: National Capital Planning Commission.

ACTION: Notice of final adoption and effective date.

SUMMARY: On December 3, 2020, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) adopted revisions to the Submission Guidelines updating the requirements and criteria for antennas placed on Federal and certain District buildings and lands in the National Capital Region. Federal and District agency applicants who are seeking to place antennas on their property are subject to review by the Commission following a process laid out in the

Submission Guidelines. The revisions to the Antenna Submission Guidelines address several deficiencies in the current guidelines, namely: Adding definitions for small cells and temporary antennas; including several new criteria to help protect viewsheds and address multiple antennas on building rooftops; and identifying the review process for temporary and small cell antennas. The final amended document can be found at: <https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/antennas/>.

DATES: The revised Submission Guidelines will become effective February 8, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlton Hart at (202) 482–7252 or info@ncpc.gov.

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 8721(e)(2).

Dated: December 7, 2020.

Anne R. Schuyler,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Information; Strategic and Performance Plans

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and GPRA Modernization act of 2010 requires federal agencies to publish their strategic and performance plans in pursuit of their missions. Through this Request for Information (RFI), the National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks public comment on the key elements of the strategic plan—the Vision, Core Values, Strategic Goals, and Strategic Objectives—and high-level questions that will guide the development of the 2022–2026 NSF Strategic Plan.

DATES: Please send comments on or before January 22, 2021. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the strategic planning website. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1.800.877.8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1.0 Background

NSF was created “to promote the progress of science; to advance the

national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense . . .” (1950, as amended). Looking ahead, NSF aims to advance the frontiers of research into the future and secure global leadership in science and engineering, while ensuring accessibility and inclusivity. To meet these aims, NSF expands knowledge in science, engineering, and learning, and advances the capability of the nation to meet current and future challenges, while continuing to enhance its performance.

2.0 Request for information

Through this Request for Information (RFI), the National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks comment from a broad array of stakeholders regarding the 2022–2026 Strategic Plan. Comments should be submitted to the strategic plan website and should reference the previous NSF Strategic plan for FY 2018–2022 which can be found here. We welcome comments on the key elements of the strategic plan, including Vision, Core Values, Strategic Goals, and Strategic Objectives, and answers to the following questions:

1. What are the interests, values and emergent science and policy issues that the Strategic Plan should recognize?
2. How can NSF help maintain US leadership in an evolving global research and education landscape?
3. How can the plan best underscore the importance to the Nation of fundamental research and its broader impacts?

Dated: December 7, 2020.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board (NSB), pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of NSB business as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. EST.

PLACE: These meetings will be held by videoconference. There will be no in-person meetings to attend. The public

may observe the public meetings, which will be streamed to the NSF YouTube channel. For meetings on Wednesday, December 9, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rl3HttPA_b4. For meetings on Thursday, December 10, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGjqM0yX4rI>.

STATUS: Some of these meetings will be open to the public. Others will be closed to the public. See full description below.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 11:00 a.m.–12:55 p.m.; 1:25 p.m.–2:10 p.m.

- NSB Chair’s Remarks
- NSF Director’s Remarks—Update on Arecibo Observatory
- NSB Chair Activity Summary
- COVID–19 Impact on Women
- NSF Planning and Response to COVID–19
- Vision 2030 Implementation Working Group Update

Committee on Oversight (CO)

Open Session: 2:10 p.m.–3:25 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Merit Review Digest Overview
- Presentations and Discussion of Broader Impacts
- Inspector General’s Update
- Chief Financial Officer’s Update
- Chair’s Closing Remarks

Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy (SEP)

Open Session: 3:45 p.m.–4:35 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on planning for *Indicators 2022*
- Impacts of COVID–19 on NCSES Data and Data Products
- Update and Discussion of SEP Policy Products

Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F)

Open Session: 4:35 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Rolling Calendar Year 2020–2021 Schedule of Planned Action and Context Items

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 5:00–6:30 p.m.

- Celebrating Science and Public Service with the 2020 Waterman and Honorary Awards Winners

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

- Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE) Briefing

Committee on Strategy (CS)

Open Session: 11:30 a.m.–1:40 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on FY 2021 Budget Appropriations
- NSF Strategic Plan 2022–2026
- EHR Advisory Committee STEM Education for the Future Report
- NSF Workforce/Missing Millions Briefing
- NSF Translation, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Briefing

Committee on Strategy (CS)

Closed Session: 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on FY 2022 Budget Request Development
- Translation, Innovation and Partnerships/Workforce/Missing Millions Discussion

Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F)

Closed Session: 2:45 p.m.–4:35 p.m.

- Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Written Item: Regional Class Research Vessels
- Annual Report from the Chief Officer for Research Facilities
- Arecibo Observatory

Plenary Board

Closed Session: 4:45 p.m.–4:55 p.m.

- NSB Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Closed Committee Reports

Plenary Board

Executive Closed Session: 4:55 p.m.–5:40 p.m.

- NSB Chair’s Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- NSF Director’s Discussion
 - Personnel updates
- 2021 Honorary Awards Discussion and Vote