

- Grazing Allotments; and
- Signature of Grazing Association President

Information collected on this form enables the Forest Service to document the relationship between the Agency and the respective grazing association, the level and areas (grazing allotments) of authorized livestock grazing use, and related responsibilities assigned to a respective grazing association for managing their members livestock grazing use and completion of authorized land use practices/rangeland improvements.

Affected Public: Individuals, Families, or Businesses (especially those owning and operating ranches/farms and participating as a member of a grazing association/district).

Estimate of Burden per Response: 1 hour to complete the form.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5 hours.

Total Estimate of Annual Burden: 2.57 Minutes.

Total Type of Respondents: Individuals and Businesses.

Total Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1,275.

Total Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondents: 1.

Total Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 288.75 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on (1) whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the

submission request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Lisa Northrop,

Associate Deputy Chief State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (Council) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Council is responsible for developing a ten-year action plan, evaluating the implementation of that plan annually, and developing criteria and submitting recommendations for the forestry challenge cost-share grant program.

DATES: A virtual meeting will be held on April 10, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 2, 2026. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 2, 2026.

Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the Council, but Council members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via telephone and video conference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by joining via videoconference at Microsoft Teams: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27732464730278?p=dSlYanv5eyjVDIj7Wg>, Meeting ID: 277 324 647 302 78, Passcode: Qm6n7Eu6; or Dial in by phone +1 202-650-0123, United States, Washington; Phone conference ID: 520152909#. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website, <https://>

www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf, or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to nancy.stremple@usda.gov or via mail to Nancy Stremple, 201 14th Street SW, Sidney Yates Building 3SC-01B, Washington, DC 20024. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments to be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 Eastern Daylight Time, April 2, 2026, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to nancy.stremple@usda.gov or via mail to Nancy Stremple, 201 14th Street SW, Sidney Yates Building 3SC-01B, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Designated Federal Officer, by email at nancy.stremple@usda.gov (recommended) or by phone at (202) 205-7829. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service then provide the phone number of the person named as a point of contact for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Introduce the National Urban and Community Forestry Council members and guests;
2. Update on the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program;
3. Update on the national ten-year action plan (2027-2037);
4. Discuss status of the Council nominations;
5. Discuss status of the national grant program;
6. Listen to public input;
7. Hear about partner activities;
8. Identify other items and;
9. Discuss next meeting and close meeting.

The purpose of the Council is to develop a national urban and community forestry ten-year action plan in accordance with section 9(g)(3)(A-F) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (the Act), evaluate and report annually on the implementation of that plan to the Secretary, and develop criteria, and submit recommendations with respect to, the Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-share Grant Program as required by section (9)(f)(1-2) of the Act.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by

or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make a request in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Council.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Dated: March 17, 2026.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS-25-SFH-0200]

Single Family Housing Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program Lender Interactive Test Environment (LITE) Delegated Authority Pilot Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), a division of the Rural Development Agency within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is implementing the Lender Interactive Test Environment (LITE) Delegated Authority Pilot Program for the Section 502 Single Family Housing

Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP). The purpose of this pilot program is to test a change in the SFHGLP loan approval process by replacing the Agency's pre-closing loan approval requirement with the delegation of loan approval authority to eligible lenders, consistent with the Delegated Authority final rule (**Federal Register** Docket Number RHS-21-SFH-0017). This pilot program is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 1476(b). This notice provides detailed information about the pilot program, including eligibility criteria, application process, operational procedures, monitoring, and oversight mechanisms.

DATES: The effective date of the pilot program is September 1, 2026. The pilot program will continue for two years, ending September 28, 2028.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Thieleke, Deputy Director, Policy, Analysis, and Communications Branch, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Email: sara.thieleke@usda.gov; Phone: (314) 457-5242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Title V, Section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1472; 42 U.S.C. 1476(b).

Acronyms

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
GUS Guaranteed Underwriting System
LITE Lender Interactive Test Environment
RHS Rural Housing Service
§ Section
SFHGLP Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program
USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

Background

The Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Program, regulated by 7 CFR part 3555, offers a 90% loan note guarantee to approved lenders to assist low- and moderate-income households in purchasing adequate, modest, safe, and sanitary dwellings as their primary residence in eligible rural areas. The SFHGLP provides opportunities for applicants lacking sufficient resources to acquire, build, rehabilitate, improve, or relocate a dwelling in a rural area.

To streamline the SFHGLP, the RHS has been working on incorporating a delegated authority process for eligible lenders through a final rule ("Delegated Authority") (**Federal Register** Docket Number RHS-21-SFH-0017). While the necessary technology advancements needed for full implementation of Delegated Authority are in process, RHS has established the LITE Delegated Authority Pilot Program to phase in and

test Delegated Authority in a controlled environment. The pilot will permit participating LITE Delegated Lenders to approve loans and obtain Loan Note Guarantees with limited Agency involvement. The objective of this pilot is to test the implementation of Delegated Authority by streamlining and expediting loan approvals, similar to the efficiencies seen in the Federal Housing Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs programs, thereby leveraging the expertise of private-sector lenders to balance growing demand and limited federal resources.

This notice outlines the new LITE Delegated Authority Pilot Program under the Section 502 SFHGLP.

Eligibility Requirements

Lenders interested in participating must notify the Agency at LITEPilot@usda.gov. To qualify for the pilot program, lenders must demonstrate above-average loan performance based on delinquencies, loss claims, and default rates over the past two years when compared to the SFHGLP portfolio; have originated at least 10 SFHGLP loans in the last 12 months; and be current on all lender certifications, fees, and loan requirements. Lenders must have a satisfactory compliance record, with no failed Corrective Action Reviews or Reduced Sample Reviews for the past 24 months. The Agency will review qualifications for the pilot program as lenders submit notifications. The number of lenders approved for LITE Delegated Lender status will be contingent on the progress of the Agency's system modifications, budgetary constraints, portfolio performance, and availability of resources required to perform lender oversight and monitoring. Selection criteria will include lender performance metrics and the number of volunteer lenders.

Operational Procedures

Approved lenders and their agents operating under the LITE Delegated program must continue to utilize the Agency's automated loan underwriting and closing systems for all supported loan submissions. When manual submissions are necessary due to Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS) limitations, lenders must follow the Manual Submission Job Aid procedures which can be located on the USDA LINC Training and Resource Library located at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/usda-linc-training-resource-library/loan-origination>. All aspects of loan origination, processing, closing,