

Importer/Broker/Agent decision to voluntarily destroy product for human food purposes. This information collection is applicable only to destruction witnessed by FSIS IPP. FSIS IPP uses the information during the observation of the product destruction to verify that the product being destroyed is the same product that was refused entry and that the product is controlled by the import establishment until destruction is completed.

The Importer/Broker/Agent completes FSIS Form 9840-4, Voluntary Destruction of Imported Meat (Including Siluriformes), Poultry, and Egg Product, for product that will be destroyed under FSIS supervision. The form is maintained in the FSIS case file. IPP also enter information into the Public Health Information System (PHIS), based on the information provided on the form.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

*Respondents:* Importers/Brokers/Agents.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 151.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1,416.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,818 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this **Federal Register** publication through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service that provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. The available information ranges from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

#### USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

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**Jeremy T. Reed,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the Forestry Research Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of nominations for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces its intent to establish the Forestry Research Advisory Council (FRAC). The FRAC will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on proposed forestry research, regional and national planning and coordination of forestry research within the Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's Forest resources, forestry schools, and the forest industries, and other such matters as the Secretary determines. The FRAC will be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Nominations are for a three-year term, unless renewed by the Secretary.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted via email or postmarked by April 23, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations and resumes to the Secretary of Agriculture through the USDA Forest Service, David Lytle, Office of the Deputy Chief, Research and

Development, to 14th and Independence SW, Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Lytle, FRAC Designated Federal Official, USDA Forest Service, Office of the Deputy Chief, Research and Development, by email at [david.lytle@usda.gov](mailto:david.lytle@usda.gov) or phone at 928-419-7738; or Wendy Zirngibl, Director of Knowledge Management and Communication, USDA Forest Service, Office of the Deputy Chief, Research and Development, by email at [wendy.zirngibl@usda.gov](mailto:wendy.zirngibl@usda.gov) or phone at 202-875-1561.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FRAC will be composed of no more than 20 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The FRAC membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed, and will represent a broad array of expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and balanced distribution among the membership categories are also important. The FRAC members will serve 3-year terms and will meet annually, or as often as necessary. The FRAC shall include a maximum of five representatives from each of the four following membership categories: (1) Federal and State agencies; (2) forest industry; (3) academic institutions; and (4) volunteer organizations. Vacancies on the FRAC will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made. Members of the FRAC shall serve without compensation. FRAC members may be allowed travel expenses and per diem for attendance at council meetings, subject to approval of the Designated Federal Official responsible for administrative support to the FRAC.

**Membership Nomination Information**

The appointment of members to the FRAC will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the FRAC, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the membership categories listed above. To be considered for membership, nominees must:

1. Identify which membership category they would represent and how they are qualified to represent that group;
2. Provide a cover letter stating why they want to serve on the FRAC and what they can contribute;
3. Provide a resume showing their experience working successfully as part

of a group working on forest research activities; and

4. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

The Form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contact person or from the following website: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>. All nominations will be vetted by USDA.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the council.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and 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.

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**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Housing Service**

[Docket No. **RHS-26-SFH-0133**]

**Single Family Housing Section 502 Home Loan Program—Self-Help and Affordable Housing**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is issuing this notice to announce a pilot for the Single Family Housing Section 502 direct loan program (Section 502) to test alternative values of modest housing for self-help housing and when affordable housing products are provided. The Agency intends to evaluate the impact of authorizing the value of properties constructed through the self-help program to exceed the maximum area loan limit under RHS's current regulations; and permitting grants and other affordable housing products to exceed the area loan limit for all Section 502 loans. This notice outlines the pilot parameters and provides contact information for additional details about the pilot.

**DATES:** *Pilot Duration:* The effective date of this pilot program is March 23, 2026 and will continue until March 23, 2028.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sunceri Dade, Finance and Loan Analyst, Special Programs and Initiatives Branch, Single Family Housing Direct Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Email: [Sunceri.dade@usda.gov](mailto:Sunceri.dade@usda.gov); Phone: (202) 720-1485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

The RHS Single Family Housing direct program is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and is codified in the U.S. code at 42 U.S.C. 1472(h); it is implemented under 7 CFR part 3550. Demonstration programs for the Section 502 program are authorized by the Housing Act of 1949 in section 506(b) (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)) and 7 CFR 3550.7. Program requirements that are not addressed in this notice will remain in effect.