

and local animal health officials and poultry producers with creating and applying biosecurity and response plans, developing and enforcing flock plans and compliance agreements, preparing and processing appraisal and indemnity claims and worksheets, developing restocking and testing agreements, and submitting reports.

*Description of Respondents:* State and local animal health officials and Business or other for-profit (Respondent Type: poultry producers).

*Number of Respondents:* 18,999.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 49,814.

**Rachelle Ragland-Greene,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension (with no revision) of a currently approved information collection, *Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems*.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before May 26, 2026 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA, Forest Service, Attn: Consuelo Brandeis, Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis, 2730 Cherokee Farm Way, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 865-862-0262 or email to: [consuelo.brandeis@usda.gov](mailto:consuelo.brandeis@usda.gov).

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address

will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis, 2730 Cherokee Farm Way, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 865-862-2000 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to [consuelo.brandeis@usda.gov](mailto:consuelo.brandeis@usda.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Consuelo Brandeis, Southern Research Station, 865-862-2028. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Forest Industries and Logging Operations Data Collection Systems.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0010.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 06/30/2026.

*Type of Request:* Extension with no Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of production of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of these resources from the Nation's forest resources. To comply with this mandate, the Forest Service conducts two data collection efforts: (1) a mill survey, gathering information on timber use from a sample of active primary wood processing mills (*i.e.*, wood processors that take logs in whole or chipped form to manufacture a primary wood product such as lumber, wood pulp, veneer sheets, etc.) and (2) a Harvest Utilization (HU) study to assess amount of wood left on site after a timber harvest (logging residue).

The mill survey collects information to estimate quantity of timber harvested

and utilized by the primary user, along with county of wood origin, tree species, and use of mill residues produced while the HU studies include a short logger survey to help characterize logging sites and tree utilization within each site.

Data are gathered by USDA Forest Service personnel, by partners at State natural resource agencies, and by collaborators at the University of Montana, University of Massachusetts, and the American Wood Council (this last partner contributes to mill data collection only). Survey data are analyzed and summarized by USDA Forest Service staff in collaboration with the University of Montana Bureau of Business Economics Research and the Family Forest Research Center (a USDA Forest Service and University of Massachusetts joint project). Summarized data are used to describe total harvest removals and characterize the primary use of U.S. timber resources, to evaluate trends in timber resource use, to forecast anticipated levels of wood demand, and to analyze the ramifications of any change in timber demand.

A lapse in data collection would prevent the Forest Service from complying with the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 wood resource use reporting related mandates. Further, the mill and logger surveys provide a unique dataset with summarized information on timber resources, tree harvest removal, and forest products demand. This summarized information is provided to the public for further application in decision making and planning. A lapse in reporting would effectively limit the public's ability to evaluate activity by the primary forest industry and to assess status and trends of the Nation's timber resource use.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector (Businesses), in particular mill owners and/or representatives, and loggers.

*Estimate of Burden per Response:* 22 minutes average (5-50 minutes depending on survey form).

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 5,658.

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

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,075 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.

**Valerie Hipkins,**

*Acting Deputy Chief, Research and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Rescinding the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Wood River Watershed, Custer County, Dawson County, Buffalo County, Hall County, and Merrick County, Nebraska

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice; rescission.

**SUMMARY:** NRCS, in cooperation with the Central Platte Natural Resources District, is issuing this notice to advise Federal, State, and local government agencies and the public that USDA NRCS is rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wood River Watershed in Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Hall, and Merrick Counties, Nebraska, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9th, 2023. The measures proposed in the Lower Wood River Watershed Plan were determined to serve a drainage area that exceeds the statutory limit of 250,000 acres. No other feasible alternatives were identified during the planning process. NRCS is rescinding the NOI because the project has been terminated and an EIS is no longer necessary.

**DATES:** The NOI to prepare an EIS published in the **Federal Register** on

February 9, 2023 at 88 FR 8400, is rescinded as of March 25, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melissa Baier, USDA-NRCS-NE Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources and Easements; telephone: (402) 437-4065; email: [melissa.baier@usda.gov](mailto:melissa.baier@usda.gov).

Individuals who require alternative means for communication should contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRCS, in cooperation with the Central Platte Natural Resources District, is issuing this notice to advise the public that USDA-NRCS will not be preparing an EIS for the Lower Wood River Watershed Floodwater Reduction Project in Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Hall, and Merrick Counties, Nebraska. NRCS issued the NOI to prepare an EIS in the **Federal Register** on February 9th, 2023, at 88 FR 8400.

The primary purpose for this watershed planning effort was to provide flood prevention or flood risk reduction measures to the communities and agricultural lands in the Wood River Watershed located in south-central Nebraska. Watershed planning is authorized by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, (Pub. L. 83-566), as amended, and the Flood Control Act of 1944 (Pub. L. 78-534).

The watershed planning process evaluated several alternatives including levees, diversion channels, detention cells, and dams. One feasible alternative was identified and carried forward for final analysis. The proposed action included construction of a diversion channel to divert floodwater from the Wood River and convey it south to the Platte River.

Planning activities for the Lower Wood River Watershed have been terminated because the project area does not conform to the statutory limits of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, (Pub. L. 83-566), as amended. The preferred alternative works of improvement included a diversion channel that captured a drainage area of approximately 323,400 acres, which exceeds the maximum watershed acreage of 250,000 acres allowable for Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction) projects as defined in Public Law 83-566. Planning did not identify any other feasible alternatives that meet

the statutory limitations of Public Law 83-566.

Questions concerning this notice of rescission should be directed to USDA NRCS through the contact provided above.

**Robert Lawson,**

*Nebraska State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket No. NRCS-2026-0001]

#### Changes in Hydric Soils Database Selection Criteria of the United States

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of changes to the National Soil Information System (NASIS) Database Selection Criteria for Hydric Soils of the United States.

**SUMMARY:** The National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) has updated the hydric criteria used to select map unit components for the hydric soils list. The former database selection criteria created to select soils that may meet the definition of hydric soils did not include subaqueous soils. As required by 7 CFR 12.31, NRCS is hereby providing notice of the changes to the selection criteria for hydric soils as set forth in the NTCHS publication "Hydric Soils of the United States," Miscellaneous Publication 1491, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, June 1991 (see also 60 FR 10349). These changes will add soil components that represent subaqueous landforms to the list of hydric soils and reflect refinements in knowledge of the soils of the United States as subaqueous soils are now mapped in previously unmapped areas. These soils have always met the hydric definition, whether identified by the criteria or not, and thus represent an insignificant change in acreage of hydric soils.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments in response to this notice. You may submit your comments through one of the following methods below:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search