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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Formulation of the Prerevision Review Process for the Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Revision

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

SUMMARY: The Cibola National Forest requests comments on draft Prerevision review topics that have been developed through the monitoring of the current Forest Plan and interdisciplinary team review. This is an invitation to the public and representatives of government entities to express their ideas and suggestions on what needs to be changed in the current Forest Plan. Upon completion of the prerevision review, the Regional Forester shall initiate the forest plan revision process by publishing a Notice of intent to revise the forest plan and to prepare the draft environmental impact statement.

DATES: This notice is effective March 6, 1996. Comments must be submitted in writing on or before April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to: Jeanine A. Derby, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barney Lyons, Forest Planner, Cibola National Forest at 505-761-4650.

Background

The Land and Resource Management Plan defines the long-term direction for managing the Cibola National Forest and the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grasslands. The Forest Plan will take an ecological approach to achieve multiple-use management of the National Forest and National Grasslands. It means that we must blend the needs of people and environmental values in such a way that the National Forest and Grasslands represent diverse, healthy, productive,

and sustainable ecosystems. The present Cibola National Forest Plan was approved in 1985 and has been amended six times. Revision of a forest plan should occur about every 10 years, but no later than 15 years from the date of approval of the original plan or the latest plan revision.

A prerevision review of the forest plan has been conducted to identified changed conditions and/or new information which appears to indicate a need to change direction in the current plan. The Cibola National Forest developed criteria to separate between Revision Topics, Implementation Topics, Legislative Topics, Topics for other Government Entities, and Research Topics. Other information required by the National Forest Management Act will also be evaluated with the topics that indicate a need for change, such as roadless areas and wild and scenic rivers. This review was a combination of interdisciplinary team efforts and Forest plan monitoring. We are seeking comments on these topics as well as any other topics that might surface.

The revision topics that surfaced during the prerevision review are: balancing land capability with resource demand; watershed condition assessment and water uses, rights, quality and availability assessment; biological diversity; Native American collaboration; Land Grant Community collaboration; land uses; oil and gas leasing; population growth and social demographics; rural community economics; Scenery Management System; urban interface; wilderness management; recreation management; fire management; response to legal mandates; access management; and Range Management.

Implementation Topics were topics that needed additional emphasis but the present plan provide adequate direction for implementation. These topics are: infrastructure; balanced heritage resource management; land line location; limiting factors for wildlife; monitoring; resource inventories; small products as a vegetation management tool; planning coordination with local governments; Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, roadless areas and other special areas; public information and education; Research Natural Areas; budget constraints and workforce reductions; and law enforcement.

Several topics will be referred to other agencies for their consideration and input. These are:

Clean Air Act implementation; State wildlife departments regulations and hunting seasons; State forestry's responsibility for forestry practices on state and private lands; State's water quality management under the Clean Water Act; and the Department of Energy/Department of Defense responsibilities on land withdrawals.

Some of the research topics include:

Social impact on ecosystems; bats and their habitat; recreation uses and acceptable limits; grassland ecosystems and disturbances; pinyon-juniper treatment thresholds; medicinal plants and other forest products; bio-solid effects and applications; stream channel/wet meadow restoration, and health effects of smoke from prescribed burning.

No legislative topics have surfaced to date.

A copy of the draft Prerevision Review Topics is available at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, 505-761-4650.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Kenneth D. Knarr,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on March 27 and March 28, 1996 at the Best Western Ponderosa Inn Conference Room, 2220 Pine Street, Redding, California. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 27 and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on March 28 and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Province-wide forest health work group discussion/presentation; (2) salvage timber sale monitoring; (3) Regional Ecosystem Office monitoring proposal; (4) Guidance for salvage sale activity in sensitive areas; (5) standing committee reports; and (6) public comment

periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Barbara Holder,

Designated Federal Official.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

PTE-26b Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

This plan proposes to maintain and enhance wetland loss on 7,653 acres of combination marsh in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Project measures include 315 linear feet of rock plug, 15,000 linear feet of earthen embankment, maintenance of 21,600 linear feet of overflow embankment, replacement of three fixed crest weirs with variable crest sections,

replacement of one fixed crest weir, construction of one fixed crest weir with a barge bay, and two stabilized channel rock cross-sections.

The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action in implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist.

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Rural Telephone Bank

Determination of the 1995 Fiscal Year Interest Rates on Rural Telephone Bank Loans

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank.

ACTION: Technical correction to Notice of 1995 fiscal year interest rates determination.

SUMMARY: The Rural Telephone Bank (Bank) hereby announces a technical amendment to a footnote regarding the Bank's calculation of the interest rate to be applied to loan advances made from the financing account during fiscal year 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara L. Eddy, Deputy Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, room 4056, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, telephone number (202) 720-9556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 7 CFR 1610.10, on November 9, 1995, the Bank published its fiscal year 1995 interest rates for advances on liquidating and financing account loans (60 FR 56561). Interest rates for advances on liquidating and financing account loans are based on the Bank's cost of money. The cost of money rate methodology is the same for both accounts. It develops a weighted average rate for the Bank's cost of money considering total fiscal year loan advances; the excess of fiscal year loan advances over amounts received in the fiscal year from the issuances of Class A, B, and C stocks, debentures and other obligations; and the costs to the Bank of obtaining funds from these sources.

The interest rate for advances during fiscal year 1995 on financing account loans was established as shown in Table 1b, Financing Account, Cost of Money Rate, of the aforementioned notice (60 FR 56563). One component of the calculation to determine the cost of money rate for fiscal year 1995 was the issuance of debentures and other obligations.

As indicated in footnote number 2 to Table 1b, obligations incurred by the Bank, that is, funds borrowed for fiscal year 1995 financing account loan advances, were in excess of its borrowers' demands by approximately \$90.4 million. In conformance with the established practice of the Bank, these excess funds would therefore be carried over to make advances in the next fiscal year (fiscal year 1996).

Subsequent to the Bank establishing its costs of money rate for fiscal year 1995, the practice of carrying over funds from one fiscal year to another was discontinued. The \$90.4 million in excess funds will therefore not be used to make advances in fiscal year 1996 as previously indicated in footnote number 2 to Table 1b (60 FR 56563).

The Bank's fiscal year 1995 cost of money rates previously established at 6.04% and 6.88% for advances from the liquidating account and financing account, respectively, remain unchanged (60 FR 56561).

Dated: February 26, 1996

Wally Beyer,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection for Which Approval Has Expired

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) intentions to reinstate a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn D. Wolfgang, Management Analyst, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of