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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice Inviting Applications for Designation of Rural Empowerment Zones; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) corrects a notice published April 16, 1998 (63 FR 19143). This action is taken to correct cross references relating to the form and content of strategic plans which are required as part of the application package for rural empowerment zone designations. Accordingly, the notice published April 16, 1998 (63 FR 19143), is corrected as follows:

On page 19144, in the second column, the first sentence of paragraph VII(A) should cross reference sections 25.202 and 25.203.

On page 19145, in the first column, the sentence comprising paragraph VII(E)(2) "Section 2—Phase 1 operational budget" should cross reference section 25.403(c)(2).

Dated: September 11, 1998.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-042-2]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (formerly known as the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee); Notice of Intent to Reestablish

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to reestablish the National Wildlife Service Advisory Committee (the Committee) for a 2-year period. The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Martin Mendoza, Director, Operational Support Staff, Wildlife Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of September 1998.

Reba Evans,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Crop Insurance Pilot Program

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public comment period on developing a new pilot program that would indemnify crop losses that result due to scab problems in the Northern Plains area of the United States in conjunction with the Federal crop insurance program. This action is necessary to address the scab problems in the Northern Plains. It is intended to ensure that producers have an adequate risk management tool for handling this disease.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Director, Product Development

Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 9435 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Mo 64131. A copy of each response will be available for public inspection and copying from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CDT, Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, at the Kansas City, Mo., address listed above, telephone (816) 926-7387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 193(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and administer a pilot program for crop insurance coverage that indemnifies crop losses due to a natural disaster such as insect infestation or disease. This section also requires the pilot program to be actuarially sound, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture and administered at no net cost. The pilot can last no more than two years.

Some interested parties, including producer groups, have indicated that the scab problems in the Northern Plains may require a unique approach to ensure that producers have an adequate risk management tool for handling this disease. The scab problems have lowered small grains grade qualities for wheat and barley in this region. The current small grains crop insurance provisions, 7 CFR 457. 101, section 11(b) allow for quality adjustment of barley and wheat only when barley or wheat production grades U.S. No. 5 or worse. In some instances, barley and wheat damaged by scab do not meet this threshold, yet some price reduction is incurred by the producer in the marketing of such grain.

FCIC is soliciting comments concerning development of a pilot program for addressing scab problems in the Northern Plains. FCIC encourages and welcomes any proposals, recommendations, options, concerns, or other comments the public may have with respect to the development of such a pilot program. Parties affected by any pilot program resulting from this notice will include producers, grain elevators, insurance companies reinsured by FCIC, and insurance agents.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 23, 1998.

Kenneth D. Ackerman,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance
Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service, USDA

Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan: Year 2000 Revision

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting;
request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires the Forest Service to ask for the views and suggestions of anyone "potentially affected by or interested in" the Agency's strategic plan. In addition to announcements in the popular media and outreach through a variety of networks to individuals and organizations, the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, in

partnership with Agency field personnel, will be hosting a series of public meetings to solicit input about the goals and objectives for the Forest Service Strategic Plan (GPRA 2000 Revision). This notice announces public meetings for that purpose and provides information about where to send written comments.

DATES: The public meetings will be held in Albuquerque, NM (December 1, 1998); Atlanta, GA (November 10, 1998); Chicago, IL (November 18, 1998); Denver, CO (December 3, 1998); Los Angeles, CA (October 20, 1998); Seattle, WA (October 27, 1998); and Washington, DC (November 4, 1998). Public meetings will begin at 9 a.m. at each of the above locations and continue until 4 p.m., with appropriate breaks, on the dates indicated. Additional information about who to contact for more specific information about public meetings is listed in the table under Supplementary Information.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the development of the Forest Service strategic plan may be sent to Kathryn P. Maloney, Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, USDA

Forest Service, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or via internet at <http://www.resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us>. Written comments also may be faxed to (202) 205-1546. Additional information about the current (1997) strategic plan can be found on the internet on the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff Home Page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/pl/rpa>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information concerning public meetings, contact Rod Kuhn of the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1033 or via internet at rkuhn@fs.fed.us. For additional information about submission or written comments for the Forest Service Strategic Plan (GPRA 2000 Revision), contact Nancy Osborne of the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1292 or via internet at nosborne@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Member of the public interest in attending public meeting may contact Forest Service employees at the following locations for additional information:

USDA FOREST SERVICE PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS

Location	Date	Local contact
Albuquerque, NM	December 1, 1998	Parks Hilliard—(505) 842-3202.
Atlanta, GA	November 10, 1998 ..	Bob Wilhelm—(404) 347-7076.
Chicago, IL	November 18, 1998 ..	Mike Prouty—(612) 649-5276.
Denver, CO	December 3, 1998	Pam Skeals—(303) 275-5152.
Los Angeles, CA	October 20, 1998	Mike Srago—(415) 705-2855.
Seattle, WA	October 27, 1998	Dick Phillips—(503) 808-2281.
Washington, DC	November 4, 1998	Rod Kuhn—(202) 205-1033.

Public meetings will focus on the suitability of the three goals in the Agency's current strategic plan (Ensure sustainable ecosystems; Provide multiple benefits for people within the capabilities of ecosystems; and, Ensure organizational effectiveness); the nature of the long-term priorities or objectives needed to meet those goals; what Agency managers should focus on as critical indicators of success or failure in relation to the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; the most important outcomes or future resource conditions on which the Agency should focus; and any other issues and concerns that should be considered in the development of a revised strategic plan.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Sandra H. Key,
Acting Deputy Chief, Programs and
Legislation.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and
Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of
advisory committee members and date
of first meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has decided to establish an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee) includes organizations which represent the interests affected by

the accessibility standards for electronic and information technology. This notice also announces the time and place of the first Committee meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 1998 through Friday, October 16, 1998 beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day. Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Committee will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC in the third floor training room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Wakefield, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000,