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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation for membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill eleven vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before July 16, 2007. Send completed nomination packages to Daina Dravnieks Apple, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1120, if sending by U.S. Postal Service. For Express mail use 201 14th St. SW., Mail Stop 1120; Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daina Dravnieks Apple, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; 202-205-1665; facsimile 202-205-1530, or contact Catalino Blanche, Program Leader, Natural Resources and Environment, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 202-401-4190; facsimile 202-401-1706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1441(c) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The

Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

(1) Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, in particular committee membership, will include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Station leaders, Forest Service;

(2) The forest industries. These are organizations involved in the management of forest lands for which timber production is a component;

(3) The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and

(4) Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

The initial Council membership was appointed with staggered terms of 1, 2, and 3 years. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms of 11 members will expire during November 2007. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all of the 11 vacant positions are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Vacancies are as follows: Federal and State—3; Industry—1; Academic—3; and Voluntary organizations—4. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Nominations are open to all individuals without regard for race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Nominations are being solicited from universities, organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of forestry research interests throughout the country. Appointments will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Each nominee must complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information

(which can be obtained electronically from the USDA Chief Information Office at http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/ocio_forms.html, or from the contact persons listed in the Further Information Contact section of this notice) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and the completed Form AD-755 by mail to: Forest Service Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1120. Nominations delivered by express mail or overnight courier service should be sent to: USDA Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; 201 14th St. SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Dated: May 8, 2007.

Boyd K. Rutherford,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Publication Comment Cards

AGENCY: Forest Service, 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 of a currently approved information collection, Request for Comments; Publication Comment Cards (0596-0163).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before July 16, 2007 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 Science Delivery Group, Southern Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 200 W.T. Weaver Boulevard, Asheville, NC 28804-3454.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 828-257-4313 or by e-mail to: carolwhitlock@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 200 W.T. Weaver Boulevard,

Asheville, NC 28804–3454, Room 243 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 828–257–4389 to facilitate entry to the building. Additionally the public may inspect comments received on the World Wide Web, www.srs.fs.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Whitlock, Science Delivery Group, 828–257–4389. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Publication Comment Card.

OMB Number: 0596–0163.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2007.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Executive Order 12862, issued September 11, 1993, directed Federal agencies to change the way they do business, to reform their management practices, and to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In response to this Executive Order, the Forest Service, Southern Research Station, developed a Publication Comment Card for inclusion when distributing scientific research publications.

Since the early 1920s, the Forest Service scientists have published the results of their studies about national forests and forest resources and products, in addition to their conclusions about the dynamics of natural timber stands and plantations, watershed and wildlife management, and recreational activities. These studies have provided long-term data that have become increasingly valuable to landowners and others involved in natural resource and land management. Data from the Publication Comment Card help Forest Service research stations determine if publications meet customers' expectations and address customers' needs. The collected information also helps scientists and authors provide relevant information on effective, efficient, responsible land management. The Government Printing Office binds the cards into all general technical reports, research papers, research notes, resource bulletins, and other technical publications printed for the Forest Service.

Respondents complete comment cards and return them to the Forest Service in person, via surface mail, or using the Internet. Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources. The Forest Service's Science Delivery Group collects and

analyzes the data, providing feedback to individual scientists and authors with the purpose of improving future products. Curtailing this information collection would deprive customers of a convenient mechanism for providing detailed and constructive criticism of research publications.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 5 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals; businesses; landowners; non-profit organizations; local, state, and foreign governments.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 22,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,833.

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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: May 8, 2007.

Ann Bartuska,

Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma: Proposed Surface Management of Natural Gas Resource Development on Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest, Rio Arriba County, NM; Additional Filings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service published a Notice of Intent (69 FR 59881–59883, October 6, 2004) to prepare an environmental impact statement for a proposed forest plan amendment for surface management of gas leasing and development on the Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest. In addition, the proposal includes a leasing analysis for approximately 3,800 unleased acres on the Jicarilla Ranger District.

A draft environmental impact statement has been completed and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2007 (72 FR 54900). The end of the comment period presented in the NOA was incorrect and subsequently rectified in an amended notice (72 FR 9521, March 2, 2007).

CORRECTED DATES: The Notice of Intent (NOI) stated the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) was scheduled for completion in early summer of 2005. This Notice corrects the estimated filing date of the FEIS from early summer 2005, to the fall 2007. When completed, EPA will publish a NOA of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Audrey Kuykendall, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Carson National Forest, at (505) 758–6212.

Dated: May 15, 2007.

Martin D. Chavez, Jr.,

Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma: Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Valle Vidal, Carson National Forest, Taos and Colfax Counties, NM; Additional Filings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service published a Notice of Intent (70 FR 34441–34442, June 14, 2005) to prepare an environmental impact statement for a proposed forest plan amendment to incorporate standards and guidelines for the management of the Valle Vidal Unit of the Questa Ranger District, Carson National Forest.

CORRECTED DATES: The Notice of Intent (NOI) states the draft environmental