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This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of July 2012.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Walker, Minnesota. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to review with the Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee members their roles and responsibilities, review project proposals and develop project priorities.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Chase on the Lake, Meeting Room, 502 Cleveland Blvd. West, Walker, Minnesota 56484. Written comments should be sent to Chippewa National Forest RAC, 200 Ash Avenue NW., Cass Lake, MN 56633. Comments may also be sent via email to [ttisler@fs.fed.us](mailto:ttisler@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 218–335–8637.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Chippewa National Forest Supervisors Office. Please call ahead to 218–335–

8600 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Tisler, Forest Ecologist, Chippewa National Forest Forest Supervisor's Office, 218–335–8600.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: review project proposals and develop project priorities. The agenda and any applicable documents may be previewed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa>. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: July 27, 2012.

**Darla Lenz,**

*Chippewa National Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent to Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek approval to conduct a new information collection, the 2013 Residue and Biomass Field Survey.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 2, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–NEW, 2013 Residue and Biomass Field Survey by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov). Include docket number and title above in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (202) 720–6396
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: David Hancock,

NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, Mail Stop 2024, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

• *Hand Delivery/Courier:* *Hand deliver to:* David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Residue and Biomass Field Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535–NEW.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct a new Information Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Residue and Biomass Field Survey.

The Residue and Biomass Field Survey will use as a sampling universe fields in the South Fork watershed in central Iowa (Buckeye, IA). This study will investigate the effect crop residue removal has on soil and water quality. With the respondent's permission, measurements of crop residues will be compared with remote sensed data to measure crop residue cover and soil tillage intensity for the entire watershed. The survey will be conducted in several phases. The farm operator will only be involved in part of the survey. With the farmers permission the field enumerators will return several times during the growing season to measure and collect samples from the target areas.

The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service are to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop production, livestock production, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and it's follow-on surveys. This project is conducted as a cooperative effort with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

**Authority:** These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985 as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and

Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

NASS also complies with OMB Implementation Guidance, "Implementation Guidance for Title V

of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)," **Federal Register**, Vol. 72, No. 115, June 15, 2007, p. 33376.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average a total of 70 minutes per respondent for the complete survey cycle.

Annual Estimated Sample Size and Respondent Burden for 2013 - 2015

Survey	Sample Size	Freq	Responses				Non-response				Total Burden Hours
			Resp. Count	Freq x Count	Min./ Resp.	Burden Hours	Nonresp Count	Freq. x Count	Min./ Nonr.	Burden Hours	
Screening Phase in May	100	1	80	80	20	27	20	20	2	1	27
Field Measurements in May/June <u>1/</u>	80	1	25	25	0	0	55	55	0	0	0
Screening Phase in September	80	1	42	42	20	14	38	38	2	1	15
Harvest Sample crops <u>1/</u>	80	1	42	42	0	0	38	38	0	0	0
Cropping Practices survey	80	1	42	42	30	21	38	38	2	1	22
<b>Total</b>	100		146	230		62				3	65

1/ The operator does not need to be present for the field visits (measurement and harvesting), so no respondent burden is associated with these phases of the survey.

*Respondents:* Farmers, ranchers, and farm managers in the South Fork Watershed in Central Iowa.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 65 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from the NASS OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-2248.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology 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 on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, July 25, 2012.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**  
Associate Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-57-2012]

**Foreign-Trade Zone 43—Battle Creek, MI; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, grantee of FTZ 43, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 30, 2012.

FTZ 43 was approved by the Board on October 19, 1978 (Board Order 138, 43 FR 50233, 10-27-1978) and expanded on December 27, 1990 (Board Order 496, 56 FR 675, 1-8-1991); January 3, 1992 (Board Orders 554 and 555, 57 FR 1143, 1-10-1992); and, June 20, 1997 (Board Orders 897 and 898, 62 FR 36043-36044, 7-3-1997).

The current zone project includes the following sites: *Site 1* (1,710 acres)—Fort Custer Industrial Park, adjacent to W.K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek, Calhoun County; and, *Site 8* (.87 acres)—Silver Foam Distributing Company, 1609 Parnall Road, Jackson, Jackson County.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Battle Creek Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone project to include existing Site 1 as a "magnet" sites and existing Site 8 as a "usage-driven" site. The application would have no impact on FTZ 43's previously authorized subzones.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 2, 2012. Rebuttal comments in