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**Thomas J. Billy,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Willamette Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on Monday, December 6, 1999. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Presentation of the Draft Supplemental EIS to amend the survey and manage direction in the Northwest Forest Plan, (2) Review and critique of PAC accomplishments in 1999, (3) Set agenda topics and PAC focus for 2000, (4) Presentation on the national roadless initiative on Forest Service lands, and (5) Roundtable information sharing by Pac members and federal agency representatives including status reports from PAC subcommittees.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public

Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the December 6 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest; 211 East Seventh Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Neal W. Forrester,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Draft USDA Forest Service Strategic Plan (2000 Revision)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comment

**SUMMARY:** The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires the Forest Service to ask for the views and suggestions of anyone "potentially affected by or interested in" the Agency's strategic plan. Between October 1998 and January 1999, public meetings and other means were used to solicit input from the public about the development of the draft 2000 Revision. These comments were used, along with other information, to develop the draft 2000 Revision, which has now been completed by the Agency. This notice

announces the opportunity for public review and comment on the draft 2000 Revision and provides information about where to send written comments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff by January 31, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Written comments on the draft 2000 Revision may be sent to: Director, Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or via internet at [resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us](mailto:resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us). Written comments also may be faxed to (202) 205-1546. Additional information about the draft 2000 revision can be found on the internet on the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff home page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/plan>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information concerning opportunities for public review and comment, the submission of comments, or to request a copy of the draft 2000 Revision, contact the Strategic Planning and Resource Assessment Staff, Washington, DC at (202) 205-1292 or via internet at [resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us](mailto:resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us). A list of "USDA Forest Service Strategic Planning contacts" from whom additional information can be requested is included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft 2000 Revision contains long-term goals for the Agency; long-term objectives associated with the goals; indicator measures tied to each objective; and, the strategies to be pursued to achieve the long-term goals and objectives.

### USDA FOREST SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTACTS

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Region 1 (Missoula, MT) .....	Tom Rhodes .....	(406) 329-3399
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Region 4 (Ogden, UT) .....	Dave Iverson .....	(801) 625-5278
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Pacific Southwest Research Station (Albany, CA) .....	Carol DeMuth .....	(510) 559-6217
Southern Research Station (Asheville, NC) .....	Rob Doudrick .....	(828) 257-4305
Northeastern Area S&PF (Radnor, PA) .....	Kenneth Knauer .....	(610) 975-4103
International Institute of Tropical Forestry (Rio Piedras, PR) .....	William Edwards .....	(809) 766-5335
Washington Office .....	Nancy Osborne .....	(202) 205-1292

Comments on the draft 2000 Revision, including other issues and concerns that need to be considered in the development of the 2000 Revision, are requested.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

**Mike Dombeck,**  
*Chief.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural National Resources Conservation Service

#### Snake River Watershed, Marshall, Pennington, and Polk Counties, Minnesota

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources  
Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of record  
of decision.

**SUMMARY:** William Hunt, responsible Federal official for projects administered under the provisions of Public Law 83-566, 16 U.S.C. 1001-1008, in the State of Minnesota, is hereby providing notification that a record of decision to proceed with the installation of the Snake River Watershed project is available. Single copies of this record of decision may be obtained from William Hunt at the address shown below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Hunt, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55101, Telephone: (651) 602-7854.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: November 18, 1999.

**William Hunt,**  
*State Conservationist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2000

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative  
Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As set forth in 7 CFR part 4279, subpart B, each fiscal year the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of guarantee authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a guarantee fee of 1 percent or guaranteed loans with a guarantee percentage exceeding 80 percent.

Allowing the guarantee fee to be reduced to 1 percent or exceeding the 80 percent guarantee on certain guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107 and 4279.119 will increase the Agency's ability to focus guarantee assistance on projects which the Agency has found particularly meritorious, such as projects in rural communities that remain persistently poor, experience long-term population decline and job deterioration, are experiencing trauma as a result of natural disaster or are experiencing fundamental structural changes in the economic base.

Not more than 7 percent of the Agency quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for loan requests with a guarantee fee of 1 percent, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with a guaranteed percentage exceeding 80 percent. Once the above quarterly limits have been reached, all additional loans guaranteed during the remainder of that quarter will require a 2 percent guarantee fee and not exceed an 80 percent guarantee limit. As an exception to this paragraph and for the purposes of this notice, loans developed by the North American Development Bank (NADBANK) Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP) will not count against the 15 percent limit. CAIP loans are subject to a 50 percent limit of the overall CAIP loan program.

Written requests by the Rural Development State Office for approval of a guaranteed loan with a 1 percent guarantee fee or a guaranteed loan exceeding 80 percent must be forwarded to the National Office, Attn: Director, Business Programs Processing Division, for review and consideration prior to obligation of the guaranteed loan. The Administrator will provide a written response to the State Office confirming approval or disapproval of the request.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 30, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth E. Hennings, Senior Loan Specialist, Business Programs Processing Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3221, Washington, DC 20250-3221, telephone (202) 690-3809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

**Wilbur T. Peer,**  
*Acting Administrator, Rural Business-  
Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Inventory of Work Orders.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0019.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* When a prospective borrower requests and is granted an RUS loan, a loan contract is established between the Federal government, acting through the RUS Administrator, and the borrower. At the time this contract is entered into, the borrower must provide RUS with a list of projects for which loan funds will be spent, along with an itemized list of the estimated costs of these projects. Thus, the borrower receives a loan based upon estimated cost figures.

RUS Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, is one of the documents the borrower submits to RUS to support actual expenditures and an advance of loan funds. The form also serves as a connecting link and provides an audit trail that originates with the advance of