

interesting to middle and high school students. The distribution for the newest *Natural Inquirer*, which includes both national and international destinations, will be over 500,000. Formal, non-formal, and informal educators, as well as the general public, receive this journal through the Forest Service Conservation Education network, federal and state partners, and through *The Natural Inquirer* Web site. *The Natural Inquirer* provides a new benchmark for the utility of Forest Service research, as it extends the utility of the research to an educational resource meant to increase scientific literacy in middle and high school students.

Current evaluation of *The Natural Inquirer* by its users is not systematic or scientifically valid and provides only anecdotal information about the utility of the Forest Service research being presented. The Forest Service, therefore, needs a systematic and scientifically valid way of assessing the usefulness of the journal in accordance with USDA guidelines for implementing the Data Quality Act. Further, such systematic assessment should be the basis for extending the utility of information dissemination via *The Natural Inquirer*.

Five hundred respondents will be selected using a random sample based on addresses of individuals who have ordered *The Natural Inquirer* publication within the United States. They will be asked to respond to questions in the following categories: (1) The utility of *The Natural Inquirer* journal; (2) the utility of *The Natural Inquirer* Web site; (3) suggestions for improvement of *The Natural Inquirer*; and (4) selected demographic information regarding teaching experience.

The majority of information will be collected using the Dillman method through a mail survey instrument. Some personal interviews with a small sample of educators, and classroom observations will also be employed to assess how *The Natural Inquirer* is used in the classroom. A graduate student at the University of Georgia will collect the information. The graduate student will contact potential respondents via a postcard, then with the survey, follow-up postcards as necessary, and follow-up with a thank you note. A Forest Service social scientist will supervise the data collection.

A graduate student from the University of Georgia and a Forest Service social scientist will analyze and evaluate the collected information. The information collected will be used to increase accountability of Forest Service information outreach and to extend the

utility of *The Natural Inquirer* publication and Web site for educators and students.

The Forest Service has invested heavily in producing timely, relevant, and credible forest science across a wide range of natural resource disciplines. This information should be readily accessible to the general public, including non-traditional audiences such as students. *The Natural Inquirer* extends the utility of Forest Service research by making it accessible to a middle school audience. This information collection will enable the Forest Service to extend the utility of *The Natural Inquirer*, increase accountability regarding federal information outreach, and provide the most useful information possible to the public by gathering feedback on how to improve the journal for the use of its intended audience.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 20 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals in the United States who have ordered *The Natural Inquirer*.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 133.33 hours.

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 submission request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: August 13, 2004.

Bov B. Eav,
Associate Deputy Chief for Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on September 15 and 16, 2004, in Ukiah, California. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct annual implementation monitoring of two projects completed in previous years, relating to standards and guidelines in the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP).

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., September 15 and 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the field both days, beginning at the Bureau of Land Management Office Conference Room, 2550 North State St., Ukiah, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-1137; e-mail pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The two projects to be monitored are: (1) County Line hazardous fuel removal, Bureau of Land Management project; and (2) Elk Mountain fuelbreak, Upper Lake Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: August 13, 2004.

James D. Fenwood,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on September 13, 2004, at the U.S. Forest Service Office, Emerald Bay Conference Room, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency

Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 13, 2004, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, Emerald Bay Conference Room, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribeth Gustafson or Jeannie Stafford, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet jointly with the Lake Tahoe Basin Executives Committee. Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Review and recommendations on the Forest Service FY 2005 Lake Tahoe Restoration Act Project List; (2) Committee focus for 2004-2006; (3) Nominations for Committee Chair; and (4) Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Mary G. Morgan,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Public Meeting, Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting will meet on October 12, 2004.

DATES: The Davy Crockett National Forest RAC meeting will be held on October 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The Davy Crockett National Forest RAC meeting will be held at the Davy Crockett Ranger Station located on State Highway 7, approximately one-quarter mile west of FM 227 in Houston County, Texas. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 9 p.m. A public comment period will be at 8:45 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Raoul Gagne, District Ranger, Davy Crockett National Forest, Rt. 1, Box 55 FS, Kennard, Texas 75847; telephone: 936-655-2299 or e-mail at: rgagne@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Davy Crockett National Forest RAC proposes projects and funding to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 203 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000. The purpose of the October 12, 2004, meeting is to review and approve project proposals to submit to the Forest Supervisor for National Forests and Grasslands in Texas. These meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time, as identified above, allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Dated: August 9, 2004.

Raoul W. Gagne,

Designated Federal Officer, Davy Crockett National Forest RAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Public Information Collection Evaluation

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is starting preparations for the 2007 Census of Agriculture. NASS invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the recently released 2002 census. This notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to solicit evaluation of a previous information collection, the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 18, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20250-2024, or gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

CONTACT: Carol House, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Type of Request: Solicitation of Evaluations.

Census Web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census>.

Abstract: The census of agriculture conducted every 5 years is the primary source of statistics concerning the nation's agricultural industry and provides the only basis of consistent, comparable data at the county, state and national levels. The 2002 Census of Agriculture covered all agricultural operations in each state, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands which meet the census farm definition. Because of the desire to improve data collection in the 2007 Census of Agriculture, we are asking for comments and recommendations concerning the most recent data collection.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

(a) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (b) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond. Comments may be sent to Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5330B South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024, or gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, July 2004.

Carol House,

Associate Administrator.

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