

other areas upon their request. Concerns regarding any of the proposed actions or decisions to be made may be mailed to SAIC (address above) or provided during the meetings. These comments will be reviewed and considered in the development and evaluation of alternatives in the EIS.

Preliminary Issues To Be Addressed in the EIS

Resource Protection: The EIS will address how proposed new leasing stipulations (and each alternative) would affect the protection of resources, such as archaeological resources, special status wildlife species, roadless areas, air quality, and water resources.

Oil-Gas Operations Constraints: The EIS will address how proposed new leasing stipulations (and each alternative) would affect oil and gas company operations on any new lease issued after the Forest Plan amendment is approved.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 90 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 15-

day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: September 24, 2004.

Judy Dinwiddie,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Program Programmatic Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a programmatic environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Program, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a new grant program that will implement the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP) lending program. The PEA is available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Subsequent to the comment period RUS plans to issue a finding of no significant impact.

DATES: RUS will accept public comments until November 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Plank, Senior Environmental Scientist, RUS, Water and

Environmental Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-11649 or e-mail: mark.plank@usda.gov. Copies of the PEA may be obtained by contacting Mr. Plank.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Public Law 107-171. Section 6012 of the Farm Bill amended section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) by adding a grant program to establish a lending program. The program will provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing loans to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The program is called the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP). This program was authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2003 through 2007. There was no funding appropriated in FY 2003. However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-199), includes \$1,000,000 for the program.

The USDA, RUS, is issuing regulations to implement the HWWSP. The final rule outlines the procedures for providing grants to eligible applicants to establish a revolving loan fund and to pay reasonable administrative expenses. The revolving loan fund will be used to make loans to eligible applicants for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The CONACT defines an "eligible individual" as a person who is a member of a household in which all members have a combined income that is 100 percent or less of the median non-metropolitan household income for the State or territory in which the person resides. The combined household income must be for the most recent 12-month period for which the information is available, according to the most recent decennial census of the United States. The maximum statutory limit per loan per household water well system is \$8,000.

Certain financing actions taken by RUS are classified as Federal actions subject to compliance with NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS

Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794). There are two Federal actions under the new HWWSP program being considered in this PEA: (1) Grants awarded by RUS to eligible grant recipients and (2) loans made by the grant recipient to eligible loan recipients using the direct or indirect proceeds of a HWWSP grant awarded under this program.

The level of RUS environmental reviews for agency actions are categorized in 7 CFR part 1794, subpart C, Classification of Proposals. Both agency actions for the HWWSP program are classified in 7 CFR 1794 as categorical exclusions. The first action (grant award) is classified under 7 CFR 1794.21(c)(3) categorically excluded proposals without an Environmental Report. The second (loan approvals) action is classified under 7 CFR 1794.22(b)(1) categorically excluded proposals requiring an Environmental Report.

Due to similar project activities and a limited area of potential effect of most HWWSP loan approval actions, RUS finds that a programmatic environmental analysis of the new HWWSP will reduce paperwork, duplication of effort, and promote a more efficient decision-making process for program implementation. RUS reserves the right to update this programmatic analysis to take additional information into account or develop particular elements of the analysis more fully as may be warranted in individual circumstances.

In summary, RUS has determined that the implementation of the HWWSP will not significantly affect the human or natural environment. However, to minimize any potential for adverse effects to specific environmental resources grant recipients will be required to comply with the following mitigation measures. These mitigation measures will be incorporated in executed grant agreements.

1. Floodplains

The grant recipient will complete FEMA Form 81-93, Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form for all loans. If a household is located in a special flood hazard area (Code A and V), the revolving loan fund recipient must have flood insurance and the grantee shall obtain flood insurance certifications as part of the revolving loan fund closing process.

2. Water Quality Issues

HWSPHWWSP funded projects will be built by contractors that are appropriately licensed to do the work in the State where the project is located.

Water withdrawal permits will be obtained as required by the appropriate State or local regulatory agency.

3. Coastal Resources

The grant recipient will obtain written approval from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service before approving any proposed loans located in Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

Dated: September 24, 2004.

Gary J. Morgan,

Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

Form Number(s): CD-436, CD-511.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0432.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,827.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Average Hours Per Response: Five hours for application package; 45 minutes for letter of recommendation; 1.5 hours for annual report; five minutes for No Concurrent Work Statement; 15 minutes for CD-346; five minutes for CD-511; and one hour for biographical sketch and photo.

Needs and Uses: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding scholarship by providing financial support to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography, and maritime archeology. The applicants must submit information that allows NOAA to make scholarship selections. Those applicants selected to receive scholarships must submit additional information that enables NOAA to arrange funding and track their academic progress.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-008]

Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On July 1, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 39055) a notice announcing the initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003. On June 8, 2004, the Department published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan (*see Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 69 FR 31958 (June 8, 2004) (*Preliminary Results*). In the preliminary results, we found that U.S. sales were made below normal value (NV) by the respondent, Yieh Hsing Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Yieh Hsing). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results; comments from petitioners and respondents are addressed in the "Issues and Decision