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Done at Washington, DC, on: May 3, 2000.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service**

**Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the White Mountain National Forest; Carroll, Coos, and Grafton Counties, New Hampshire and Oxford County, Maine**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period on notice of intent for fourteen days.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service published a White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan in the **Federal Register** on March 9, 2000 (Vol. 65, No. 47, FR 12505, Mar. 9, 2000). The Forest Service is extending the public comment period on that notice of Intent. A 14 day extension of the public comment period was given in response to comments from the public requesting additional time to fully analyze the issues and prepare comprehensive

comments. The fourteen (14) day extensions starts immediately after the initial public comment period that ends May 9, 2000. The fourteen (14) day extension of the public comment period starts May 10, 2000 and ends May 23, 2000.

Additional information on the Notice of Intent can be found in the notice published in the **Federal Register** referenced above.

**DATES:** Comments on the Notice of Intent should be received in writing by May 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Forest Planning, White Mountain National Forest, 719 N. Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. Or direct electronic mail to: [mwoodbury@fs.fed.us](mailto:mwoodbury@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Armel, Forest Planner, at (603) 528-8788. TDD (603) 528-8722. E-mail address: [barmel@fs.fed.us](mailto:barmel@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The responsible official is Robert T. Jacobs, Regional Forester, Eastern Region, 210 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

Dated: May 2, 2000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Housing Service****Housing Demonstration Program**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding for the Rural Housing Demonstration Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of housing funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 for the Rural Housing Demonstration Program. For FY 2000, RHS has set aside \$3 million for the Innovative Demonstration Initiatives and is soliciting proposals for a Housing Demonstration program under section 506(b) of title V of the Housing Act of 1949. Under section 506(b), RHS may provide loans for innovative housing units and systems which do not meet existing published standards, rules, regulations, or policies. The intended effect is to increase the availability of affordable Rural Housing (RH) for low-income families through innovative designs and systems.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 5, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gloria L. Denson, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-0783, Telephone (202) 720-1474. (This is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under current standards, regulations, and policies, some low-income rural families lack sufficient income to qualify for loans to obtain adequate housing. Section 506(b) of title V of the Housing Act of 1949, authorizes a housing demonstration program that could result in housing that these families can afford. The Congress of the United States made two conditions: (1) That the health and safety of the population of the areas in which the demonstrations are carried out will not be adversely affected, and (2) that the aggregate expenditures for the demonstration may not exceed \$10 million in any Fiscal Year.

Rural Development State Directors are authorized in FY 2000 to accept proposed demonstration concept proposals from nonprofit and for profit organizations.

The objective of the demonstration programs is to test new approaches to offering housing under the statutory authority granted to the Secretary of Agriculture. Rural Development will be required to review each application for completeness and accuracy; however, some demonstration programs may or may not be consistent with some of the provisions of our 7 CFR part 3550-Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants regulation. Under section 506(b) of the Housing Act of 1949, the Agency may provide loans for innovative housing design units, and systems which do not meet existing published standards, rules, regulations, or policies.

An application will be considered on a first come, first served basis based on the date a completed application is submitted. An application is considered complete only if the "Application for Approval of Housing Innovation" is complete in content, contains information related to the evaluation criteria and all applicable additional information required by this form has been provided. All application packages must be in accordance with the technical management requirements and address the evaluation criteria in the Proposal Content and Evaluation Criteria. The application, Proposal Content and Evaluation Criteria, and further information may be obtained from the Rural Development State Office in your area. (See the State Office