

assistance to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. The Secretary has also appointed farmers and ranchers to the Committee.

USDA Departmental Regulation 1042-119 dated November 25, 1998, first established the Committee and designated FSA to provide support. Approximately one-third of the Committee membership was replaced when the Committee charter was reestablished on August 27, 2003. Approximately one-third of the 20 existing members will be replaced when the charter is renewed in August 2005. FSA is now accepting nominations of individuals to serve for a 2-year term on the Committee. Reappointments are made to assure effectiveness and continuity of operations. The duration of the Committee is indefinite. No member, other than a USDA employee, can serve for more than 6 consecutive years.

The Committee meets at least once a year and all meetings are open to the public. Committee meetings provide an opportunity for members to exchange ideas and provide advice on ways to increase opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers. Members discuss various issues and draft recommendations, which are submitted to the Secretary in writing.

Nominations are being sought through the media, the **Federal Register**, and other appropriate methods. Persons nominated for the Committee will be required to complete and submit an Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Questionnaire (Form AD-755). Submission of this form will constitute a nomination. Letters of recommendation may also be submitted. The questionnaire is available on the Internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/Downloads/ad755.pdf>.

Questionnaires can be completed online. However, nominees must print their completed forms from an Adobe PDF file and mail or fax them to the above address or fax number. The form may also be requested by telephone, fax, or e-mail. All inquiries about the nomination process and submissions of the AD-755 should be made to Mark Falcone at the addresses and numbers listed above. Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices, consistent with USDA policies, will be followed in making all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable,

individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 29, 2005.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has announced its meeting dates for the remainder of 2005. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing and during the last 15 minutes of each meeting for spoken comments. Persons wishing to speak are given three minutes to address the Board.

Meeting dates are:

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 14

January 4, 2006

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be given at 1 PM and end no later than 5 PM at the West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Boulevard, Rapid City, SD 57731.

AGENDAS: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance in the news media but principally concern travel management, fire and insect problems, invasive species, and forest fragmentation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Carroll, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, SD 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: May 11, 2005.

Marisue Hilliard,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Florence, OR. The purpose of the meeting is to Review RAC FY06 Business, Public Forum and 2006 Project Review/Recommendations.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 9, 2005 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station, 2625 Hwy. 101, Florence, OR 97439.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Stanley, Community Development Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, (541) 928-7085 or write to Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A public input period will begin at 10 a.m. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4 p.m.

Dated: May 12, 2005.

Joni Quarnstrom,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues in relation to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will resume on Thursday, June 23, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals with written materials, and those who have requests to make oral presentations, should contact NRCS, at the address on the following page, on or before June 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West,