

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Thursday, May 29, 2003, at the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department Conference Room, 3373 Mt. Baker Highway, Bellingham, WA. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and last until approximately 12 noon.

The purpose of the meeting will be to prioritize projects under consideration for FY2004 Title II funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

All North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advised Whatcom and Skagit Counties on projects, reviews project proposals, and makes recommendations to the appropriate USDA official for projects to be funded by Title II dollars. The North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee was established to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Jon Vanderheyden, Designated Federal Official, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284 (360-856-5700, Extension 201).

Dated: May 5, 2003.

Jon Vanderheyden,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Glen Ellen Subwatershed Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment Number 1, Woodbury County, IA**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Glen Ellen Subwatershed Supplemental Plan Number 1, Woodbury County, Iowa.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 210 Walnut Street, 693 Federal Building, Des Moines, IA, 50309-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is to prevent the loss of life from catastrophic dam failures and to maintain the gully stabilization and flood protection functions of three dams that were constructed in 1963.

The project actions include relocating three houses from the breach inundation area of Site (dam) 2-2, rehabilitating both this site and Site 3-1 to low hazard class, and rehabilitating Site 3-2 to high hazard class. This rehabilitation will provide a new 50 year life to the three sites to continue their original gully stabilization and flood prevention functions. Future residential and commercial development in the breach inundation areas below Sites 2-2 and 3-1 will be restricted by county zoning ordinance.

The Plan and Environmental Assessment has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and to interested parties. A limited number of copies of the plan and environmental assessment are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be viewed by contacting Leroy Brown.

No administrative action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Finding of No Significant Impact for the Glen Ellen Subwatershed Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment Number 1 Woodbury County, IA*Introduction*

The supplemental watershed plan and environmental assessment describes the recommended alternative and other alternatives to prevent the loss of life from catastrophic dam failures within the Glen Ellen Subwatershed of the Little Sioux River Flood Prevention Project. Rehabilitating Sites 2-2, 3-1, and 3-2 also provides continued flood protection and gully stabilization.

The rehabilitation of these three dams is necessary because four houses occupied by eleven people have been built in the breach inundation areas since the dams were constructed in 1963. Sites 2-2 and 3-2 have been reclassified as high hazard by NRCS because of the possibility of loss of life should the dams fail.

The dams were installed to control severe gully erosion and reduce flooding. The structures receive drainage from areas of 194 to 350 acres.

The Glen Ellen Subwatershed project was approved in 1963 under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (Pub. L. 534, 78th Congress, 2nd Session).

This rehabilitation action is being planned and will be implemented under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act Public Law 83-566 as amended by Public Law 106-472. It is being planned and is in compliance with all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (NHPA) provisions. The policies and procedures of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) are being utilized for the planning and implementation of this project.

Glen Ellen Watershed was a federally assisted action authorized and installed under Public Law 78-534, The Flood Control Act as part of the Little Sioux River Flood Prevention Project. The proposed rehabilitation actions are authorized in accordance with the original federal authorities as amended by the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000.

An environmental assessment was undertaken by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in conjunction with the development of this rehabilitation plan. This assessment was undertaken in conjunction with local, state and federal agencies as well as interested organizations and individuals. Data developed during this