

or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict the importation or export of any animal or related material if required to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. Within the USDA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services' (APHIS'), Veterinary Service (VS) is tasked with these missions.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a contagious viral disease of domestic poultry and wild birds. HPAI is deadly to domestic poultry and can wipe out entire flocks within a matter of days. HPAI is a threat to the poultry industry, animal health, human health, trade, and the economy worldwide. In the United States, HPAI H5N1 has been detected in dairy cattle. As of August 23, 2024, USDA has confirmed 192 HPAI H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b virus detections in cattle in 13 States (Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming). APHIS has also confirmed, based on specific phylogenetic evidence and epidemiological information, that 48 poultry premises have also been infected with the same HPAI H5N1 virus genotype detected in dairy cattle.

The USDA has already recognized HPAI as a threat, and APHIS already prohibits the interstate movement of animals infected with HPAI. (See 9 CFR 71.3(b).) However, this new, distinct HPAI H5N1 virus genotype poses a new animal disease risk as it can infect both cattle and poultry. The phylogenetic and epidemiological data indicate spread between dairy premises, and concerning, given the far more severe effects of the disease in poultry, from dairy premises to poultry premises. The virus is shed in milk at high concentrations. Anything that encounters unpasteurized milk, such as spilled milk, or milk residue, has the potential to spread the virus to humans or other animals, and can contaminate vehicles and other objects or materials. Spread has occurred via not only directly spilled milk but also from contaminated objects. These factors indicate this outbreak is having an immediate and sizeable economic impact that could linger.

On April 24, 2024, APHIS announced a Federal Order<sup>2</sup> to assist with developing a baseline of critical information and limiting the spread of H5N1 in dairy cattle. The Federal Order requires testing lactating dairy cattle prior to interstate movement and mandatory reporting from laboratories

of positive Influenza A cases in livestock. The Federal Order also requires infected dairy cattle premises to not move lactating dairy cattle interstate for 30 days and to provide epidemiological information, including animal movement tracing, via a questionnaire. Movement of tested, cleared cattle will require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a movement permit. This Federal Order went into effect on April 29, 2024. APHIS is working with State and industry partners to encourage farmers and veterinarians to report cattle illnesses quickly and implement biosecurity measures and response plans (set forth in biosecurity plans, herd monitoring plans, and response and containment plans) so that APHIS can monitor new cases and minimize the impact to farmers, consumers, and other animals.

Along with the Federal Order, APHIS announced that it is reimbursing the National Animal Health Laboratory Network for all pre-movement and other testing (asymptomatic herd testing and testing of suspect animals), as well as providing confirmatory testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories. APHIS is also working to strengthen ongoing herd surveillance through the HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program, which will use bulk milk testing.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the control and/or eradication of HPAI in dairy cattle, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other technologies.

*Estimate of burden:* The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.79 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Dairy cattle producers; State, local, and Tribal governments; laboratory staff; accredited veterinarians; and other individuals, as appropriate.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 6,052.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 23.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 136,504.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 518,066 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of August 2024.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Forest Service Manual 2470, Silvicultural Practices

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment, correction.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Agency), published a document in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2024, concerning Notice of availability for public comment for the Forest Service Manual 2470, Silvicultural Practices. The document contained incorrect links to access the reading room and to make a comment.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 16, 2024, in FR Doc. 2024–18353, on Pages 66671–66672 in the second column, correct under the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** caption to read:

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=Directives-4178>. Written comments may be mailed to Stephanie Miller, Assistant Director for Future Forest, Denver Federal Center,

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf>.

Building 40 Lakewood, CO 80215. All timely received comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/ReadingRoom?project=Directives-4178>.

Dated: August 26, 2024.

Steve Morse,  
Liaison.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act, as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland within Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Klamath, and Wheeler counties consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**DATES:** An in-person meeting and virtual meeting will be held on September 12, 2024, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) and September 13, 2024, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time).

**Written and Oral Comments:** Anyone wishing to provide in-person and/or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on September 6, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on September 6, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the committee, but the committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All committee meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting

prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held in-person at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701. The public may also join virtually via teleconference. Committee information and details about accessing the meeting virtually can found on the advisory committee website at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=fsep\\_rd1027685](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=fsep_rd1027685) or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [alexander.enna@usda.gov](mailto:alexander.enna@usda.gov) or via mail (postmarked) to Alex Enna, Deschutes National Forest, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

**Oral Comments:** Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must preregister by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) September 6, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [alexander.enna@usda.gov](mailto:alexander.enna@usda.gov) or via mail (postmarked) to Alex Enna, Deschutes National Forest, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Larkin, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 541-389-5109 or email at [kevin.larkin@usda.gov](mailto:kevin.larkin@usda.gov); or Alex Enna, Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, by phone at 541-410-1691 or email at [alexander.enna@usda.gov](mailto:alexander.enna@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect a chairperson;
2. Approve the committee administrative overhead rates.
3. Hear from Title II project proponents and discuss Title II project proposals;
4. Make funding recommendations on Title II projects;
5. Approve meeting minutes; and
6. Schedule the next meeting; and

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. To be scheduled on the agenda, individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions

related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

**Meeting Accommodations:** The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in 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 shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: August 1, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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