

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0019]

#### National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice to solicit nominations for membership.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting a call for nominations for membership to fill up to 20 vacancies for the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (NWSAC). The full committee consists of 20 members; each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term. Membership will be composed of persons representing a broad spectrum of agricultural, environmental, conservation, academic, animal welfare, and related interests. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service expects the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint new Committee members for the entire committee in 2022. Please note, individuals who are federally registered lobbyists, appointed to committees to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government (e.g., as Special Government Employees) are ineligible to serve and cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one USDA advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check. You must submit the following to nominate yourself or someone else to the NWSAC: A resume (required), a USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD–755, which is available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf> (required), a cover letter (required), and a list of

endorsements or letters of recommendation (optional). The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include a summary of the following information: Current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; and any other notable positions held.

**DATES:** Nomination packages including a cover letter to the Secretary, the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form AD–755 must be postmarked or emailed on or before August 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Carrie Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3999; email: [carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov](mailto:carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov). Nomination packages should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, at the attention of Ms. Carrie Joyce for the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Ms. Carrie Joyce, Designated Federal Officer; email: [carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov](mailto:carrie.e.joyce@usda.gov) or by phone at (301) 851–3999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture will appoint members for the upcoming vacancies to serve a 2-year term of office beginning in 2022 and ending in 2024. The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (NWSAC) advises the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies. The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

The Secretary of Agriculture invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed in the **SUMMARY** section to nominate individuals or themselves for membership on the NWSAC.

The full Committee expects to meet at approximately once per year in-person, virtually, or by teleconference, and the meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary of

Agriculture seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on the implementation of USDA's Wildlife Services program to protect America's agricultural, industrial, and natural resources and to safeguard public health and safety.

We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside of its membership; alternatively, an individual may nominate themselves. Nomination packages should include a nomination form along with a cover letter or resume that documents the nominee's experience. Nomination forms are available on the internet at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf> or may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### USDA Equal Opportunity Statement

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership 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 minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

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Dated: May 25, 2022.

**Cikena Reid,**

*Committee Management Officer, USDA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Intent To Issue Forest Order Closing Hyalite Canyon on the Custer Gallatin National Forest to Recreational Shooting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is giving notice of its intent to issue a forest order closing the Hyalite drainage on the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Montana to recreational shooting in advance of the public comment period for the proposed closure. At the end of the period of advance notice, the Forest Service will solicit public comments, as specified in this notice, on the proposed forest order.

**DATES:** Advance notice of the opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed recreational shooting order is being provided until June 10, 2022. Beginning on June 10, 2022, the Forest Service will accept comments on the proposed forest order for 60 days. The notice of opportunity for public comment will be posted on the Custer Gallatin National Forest web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice> and at the Forest Service's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies).

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed forest order and the justification for the proposed forest order are available on the Custer Gallatin National Forest web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice> and at the Forest Service's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies) or can be viewed at the Bozeman Ranger District Office, Custer Gallatin National Forest, 3710 Fallon Street, Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59718. Please call ahead to ensure access: 406-522-2520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Corey Lewellen, District Ranger, 406-522-2531, [corey.lewellen@usda.gov](mailto:corey.lewellen@usda.gov). Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of hearing (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Advance Notice and Public Comment Procedures

Section 4103 of the John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Pub. L. 116-9) requires that the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, provide public notice and comment before permanently or temporarily closing any National Forest System lands to hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting. Section 4103 applies to the proposed forest order closing the Hyalite canyon area to recreational shooting, with the exception of hunting under Montana state law. The public notice and comment process in section 4103(b)(2) requires the Secretary to publish an advance notice of intent, in the **Federal Register**, of the proposed closure in advance of the public comment period for the closure. This notice meets the requirement to publish a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** in advance of the public comment period. Following the notice of intent, section 4103(b)(2) requires an opportunity for public comment. Because the proposed forest order would permanently close the Hyalite canyon area to recreational shooting, the public comment period must be not less than 60 days. Beginning on June 10, 2022, the Forest Service will accept public comments on the proposed order for 60 days. The notice of opportunity for public comment will be posted on the Custer Gallatin National Forest web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice> and at the Forest Service's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies).

Section 4103(b)(2) requires the Forest Service to respond to public comments received on the proposed order before issuing a final order, including an explanation of how any significant issues raised by the comments were resolved and, if applicable, how resolution of those issues affected the proposed order or the justification for the proposed order. The response to comments on the proposed order, justification for the final order, and the issuance of the final forest order will all be posted on the Custer Gallatin National Forest web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice> and at the Forest Service's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies](https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies).

##### II. Background and Need for Forest Order

This proposed permanent recreational shooting closure is needed to ensure public safety in the Hyalite watershed. This proposed, permanent recreational shooting closure will replace the existing, emergency shooting closure order implemented on April 21, 2022. This recent emergency closure order replaced the previous emergency shooting closure order that was issued on April 21, 2021 and expired on April 20, 2022. Both emergency orders followed direction in FSH 5309.11, Chapter 30, Section 34.21. The current emergency shooting closure order will be rescinded when the permanent closure is approved and fully implemented. This watershed is the most heavily used drainage on National Forest System lands in the state of Montana. The Hyalite watershed experiences exceptionally high numbers of recreational visitors. In 2016, the canyon received more than 40,000 visitors per month in the summer and over 20,000 visitors per month in the winter. Current visitor monitoring indicates use has increased over the last 5 years to more than 60,000 visitors per month in the summer and over 30,000 visitors per month in the winter. Within the 34,000-acre proposed closure area, there are 475 developed sites, 185 dispersed camping sites, about 70 miles of trail and 65 miles of roads. The narrow geography of this glaciated valley, the density of roads and trails, developed and undeveloped sites, and the volume of people who recreate in this area make it unsafe for unmanaged recreational target shooting.

The proposed forest order, map, and the justification for the forest order are available on the Custer Gallatin National Forest web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice> and at the Forest Service's