

assist in identifying issues, determine how to best manage the resources, and to focus the analysis. Comments received to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decisions under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

A draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and made available for public review by February 2005. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is scheduled to be available June 2005.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts (*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986)) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive

comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The Forest Service is the lead agency and the responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest. The responsible official will decide where, and whether or not to salvage timber, reduce fuels, and reforest the area. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place. The B&B Fire Recovery decision and the reasons for the decision will be documented in the record of decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: July 26, 2004.

Michael C. Johnson,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee (DPAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on August 18-20, 2004. The first two days will be a field trip to the Barlow Ranger District on the Mt. Hood National Forest to monitor and discuss implementation of watershed improvement projects. The last day will be a business meeting starting at 8 a.m. at the Barlow Ranger District Office, 780 NE Court in DuFor, Oregon 97021. Agenda items will

include a Recreation Strategy update and/or Update on NWFP social monitoring module, Upper Deschutes RMP/Davis Fire Recovery update, B and B fire update, and an open public forum from 11:30 till noon. All Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Mickle, Province Liaison, Deschutes NF, Crescent Road, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, OR 97754, phone (541) 433-3216.

Dated: July 26, 2004.

Leslie A.C. Weldon,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2004.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Annual retirement of class A stock.
2. Annual class C stock dividend rate.
3. Status of loan loss reserve for FY 2004.
4. Privatization discussion.
5. Administrative and other issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2004.

PLACE: Conference Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on Minutes of the May 14, 2004, board meeting.
3. Secretary's Report on loans approved.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Status report on the allowance for loan loss reserve for FY 2004.
6. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 2004.
7. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.
8. Privatization discussion.

9. Governor's Remarks.

10. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor,
Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: July 28, 2004.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED**

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a product and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Comments Must Be Received on or Before:* August 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the product and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product and service to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following product and service are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product

Product/NSN: Binder, Looseleaf,
7510-00-965-2442.

NPA: York County Blind Center, York, Pennsylvania.

Contract Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, New York.

Service

Service Type/Location: Custodial & Grounds Maintenance, Nogales Border Patrol Station, 1500 W. LaQuinta Road, Nogales, Arizona.

NPA: J.P. Industries, Inc., Tucson, Arizona.
Contract Activity: U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED**

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a product and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, May 28, and June 4, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 26805, 30609, and 31588) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Flag, National, Interment (Additional 10% of the Veterans Affairs Requirement for a total of 50% on the Procurement List).

Comments were received from three of the current contractors for the interment flag and from a trade association for the flag industry. The association and one of the contractors claimed that increased demand for American flags after September 2001 had brought a number of new suppliers into the market, and now that the demand is decreasing, the loss of the partial requirement for the interment flag the Committee proposed to add to the Procurement List would have a larger, and thus severe, impact on the flag industry. These two commenters also cited a 1997 letter by the Committee's staff director indicating that the Committee would be unlikely to increase its share of the interment flag market unless the sole commercial contractor for interment flags at the time were to experience a substantial increase in its sales.

Another contractor indicated that Government contracts represent about 35 percent of total sales of flag manufacturers, so these manufacturers would be severely impaired if they continue to lose Government business to set-aside programs like the Committee's program. This contractor also claimed that its interment flag contract allows it to keep its plant operating year round, so loss of the contract would result in employment loss and other potential financial challenges. The third contractor noted that the flag industry is part of the textile industry, which has suffered severe losses in the past decade. The contractor stated that it had assisted two nonprofit agencies in learning how to produce the interment flag, and had been repaid with unauthorized disclosure of its confidential material and a failure by one nonprofit agency to pay the agreed-upon fee for the contractor's assistance. The contractor also claimed the other nonprofit agency was under investigation by its State concerning its nonprofit status. The contractor concluded, in light of these allegations, that it would not be in the interest of the Government to increase the portion of the Government requirement for interment flags set aside for these nonprofit agencies.