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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Analysis of Beaver Park Project Area, Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice cancels the Notice of Intent to analyze the Beaver Park Project Area on the Black Hills National Forest, published in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 61063–61064), pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 1501.7. The project was cancelled as a result of the settlement of Civil Action No. 99–N–2173, *Biodiversity Associates vs. Lyle Laverty et al.*, United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Northern Hills Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, 2014 N. Main St., Spearfish, SD 57783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Natvig, Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at (605) 642–4622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 1, 1999, a Record of Decision was signed implementing the selected alternative in the Veteran Boulder Environmental Impact Statement in the Beaver Park Roadless Area. A separate project was proposed later the same year to address a growing mountain pine beetle epidemic in the Beaver Park area. A Notice of Intent to analyze the effects of the proposed actions was published in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 1999.

On November 10, 1999, Biodiversity Associates filed a lawsuit against Lyle Laverty et al. regarding the March 1, 1999 Record of Decision on the Veteran/ Boulder project. An agreement to settle this lawsuit was reached on September 6, 2000. As part of the settlement, the Forest Service agreed not to approve any decision to “log, or construct or

reconstruct vehicle routes, or construct or reconstruct skid trails, or otherwise undertake any activity involving the disturbance of soil or the cutting or damaging of trees, nor will it undertake sale “prep” work (e.g., tree marking), within the Beaver Park Roadless Area until after a decision by the Regional Forester to adopt the Phase II Forest Plan amendment” (*Biodiversity Associates v. Laverty*, p. 2).

This language effectively prevents the actions proposed under the Beaver Park Project from occurring until such time as an amendment to the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan is prepared and signed, as described in the settlement agreement. Therefore, the Notice of Intent for the Beaver Park Project is being withdrawn.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

John C. Twiss,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section 1 of the Iowa State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Iowa NRCS state technical guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Iowa that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in Section 4 Practice Standards and Specifications, Conservation Cover (327), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Contour Buffer Strips (332), Contour Farming (330), and Field Border (386) to account for improved technology. These practice standards can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received until on or before April 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service,

210 Walnut Street, 693 Federal Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; at 515/284–4260; fax 515/284–4394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Leroy Brown,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Second Quarter of 2001

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the second quarter of 2001.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the second calendar quarter of 2001.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning April 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail P. Salgado, Management Analyst, Office of the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4024–S, Stop 1560, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1560. Telephone: 202–205–3660. FAX: 202–690–0717. E-mail: GSalgado@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the second calendar quarter of 2001 for municipal