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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Tribal Relations; Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

AGENCY: Office of Tribal Relations, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching (CNAFR), a public advisory committee of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). Notice of the meetings are provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended in 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. This session will be the sixth meeting of the CNAFR and will consist of, but not be limited to, hearing public comments, updating the Council on USDA programs and activities, discussing subcommittee reports, and a discussion of committee priorities. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 2, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. e.s.t. The meeting will be open to the public. Note that a period for public comment will be held on May 2, 2014 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted using teleconference technology. This will not be an in-person meeting. Teleconference access information for the meeting will be posted to the OTR Web site at www.usda.gov/tribalrelations.

Written Comments: Written comments may be submitted to John Lowery, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Tribal Relations (OTR), 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Whitten Bldg., 500-A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax: (202) 720-1058; or by email: John.Lowery@osec.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions should be directed to John Lowery, Designated Federal Officer, OTR, 1400 Independence Ave., SW.,

Whitten Bldg., 500A, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax at (202) 720-1058, or email at John.Lowery@osec.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), USDA established an advisory council for Native American farmers and ranchers. The CNAFR is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture. In furtherance of the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* settlement agreement, the Council was granted final approval by the District Court for the District of Columbia on April 28, 2011.

The CNAFR will operate under the provisions of the FACA and report to the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of the CNAFR is (1) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA farm loan programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to FSA regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the farm loan program through enhanced extension and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA farm loan programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing solutions to the challenges of the aforementioned purposes. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the CNAFR in accordance with USDA policies. The Secretary selected the members in May 2012. Interested persons may present views, orally or in writing, on issues relating to agenda topics before the CNAFR.

Written submissions may be submitted to the contact person on or

before April 28, 2014. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 2, 2014. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the issue they wish to present and the names and addresses of proposed participants by April 28, 2014. All oral presentations will be given three (3) to five (5) minutes depending on the number of participants.

OTR will also make all agenda topics available to the public via the OTR Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations> no later than 10 business days before the meeting and at the meeting. In addition, the minutes from the meeting will be posted on the OTR Web site. OTR welcomes the attendance of the public at the CNAFR meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact John Lowery, at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting.

Leslie Wheelock,

Director, Office of Tribal Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

21st Century Conservation Service Corps Partnership Opportunity

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Interest to Participate in the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps.

SUMMARY: The 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) National Council is requesting letters of interest from all conservation corps, youth, and veteran programs that would like to be identified as a 21CSC member organization. We are initiating this outreach in order to catalyze the establishment of a 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) to engage young Americans and returning veterans in the conservation and stewardship of America public lands and water. This notice seeks to establish the 21CSC by building upon and

leveraging the experience and expertise of existing Federal, State, tribal, local and non-profit conservation and youth corps, and veterans programs, which facilitate conservation and restoration service work on public lands to include all governmental entities of cities, counties, States, and the Federal Government, and encourage a new generation of natural resource managers and environmental stewards. All principals of interested organizations are invited to submit a letter of interest that outlines the organization's and/or program's alignment with the criteria in each of the eight 21CSC principles listed below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Letters should include the name of your organization; an address and point of contact, including email address; and a description of how your organization or program aligns with all eight principles. Organizations that respond to this request may be contacted to provide additional information to support their statements. The 21CSC National Council will oversee the review of all submissions to determine the respondent's alignment with the 21CSC principles. Organizations that are not recognized as 21CSC member organizations may submit new letters of interest. Letters of interest may be submitted up to one year after the closing date of this notice for consideration as a 21CSC member organization, and will be reviewed and responded to on a quarterly basis (October, January, April, and July). Organizations may request to be removed from the 21CSC by submitting a written request to the email or mailing address below. *This notice is being published by the USDA Forest Service on behalf of the National Council. 21CSC member organizations recognized through this process will be acknowledged by all members' departments and agencies represented in the National Council. National Council membership includes the Departments of Agriculture, Army, Commerce, Interior, and Labor, the Environmental Protection Agency, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.*

DATES: Letters of interest may be submitted on a rolling basis (maximum 5 pages, double-spaced in Times/New Roman, 12 point type) before September 30, 2014. An interagency team will review submissions quarterly and respond soon thereafter. Organizations may be removed at any time by submitting a written request to the email or mailing address below. Membership will last through the 2014 calendar year.

Additional guidance about the 21CSC membership process beyond 2014 will be announced in August 2014.

ADDRESSES: Letters of interest may be submitted electronically to 21CSC@fs.fed.us. If electronic submission is not an option, please send your letter of interest to: USDA Forest Service, RHVR, ATTN: Merlene Mazyck, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop Code: 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA Forest Service, RHVR, ATTN: Merlene Mazyck, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop Code: 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125 or email 21CSC@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

21CSC National Council

The implementation of the 21CSC is coordinated by a National Council of representatives from Federal agencies that formalized their mission through the signing a Memorandum of Understanding in January 2013. National Council membership includes leadership from the Departments of the Army, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor, Environmental Protection Agency, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. The National Council will work to: support program expansion, including by matching natural resource management needs with 21CSC opportunities and identifying potential sources of funding and other resources; remove barriers and streamline processes for supporting 21CSC programs; support participant pathways to careers; facilitate technical assistance; develop and support partnerships; coordinate messaging; and ensure national representation.

Background

The 21CSC is a bold national effort to put America's youth and veterans to work protecting, restoring, and enhancing America's Great Outdoors. Recognizing the need for job opportunities for youth and returning veterans, the need for restoration of our natural resources, the need to connect Americans to the country's lands and waters, the need to effectively recruit the next generation of public employees, and the need to develop the next generation of conservation stewards, the

Secretary of the Department of the Interior, on behalf of the America's Great Outdoors Council, formed a Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) to develop recommendations for the establishment of the 21CSC. The FAC was comprised of representatives from Federal agencies, the outdoor industry, and non-profit youth and conservation corps. In addition to providing recommendations, the FAC also identified 21 CSC goals and principles, which were slightly modified and adopted by the federal 21 CSC National Council.

21CSC Goals

1. *Build America's future.* Through service to America, the 21CSC will develop a generation of skilled workers, educated and active citizens, future leaders, and stewards of natural and cultural resources, communities, and the nation.

2. *Put Americans to work.* The 21CSC will provide service, training, education, and employment opportunities for thousands of young Americans and veterans, including low income, disadvantaged youth and other youth with limited access to outdoor work opportunities.

3. *Preserve, protect, and promote America's greatest gifts.* The 21CSC will protect, restore, and enhance public and tribal lands and waters as well as natural, cultural, and historical resources and treasures. With high-quality, cost-effective project work, the 21CSC will increase public access and use while spurring economic development and outdoor recreation.

21CSC Principles

21CSC Member Organizations Must Be in Alignment With the Criteria in Each of the Following 21CSC Principles

1. *Population served.* Program serves young people ages 15-25 and/or military veterans up to age 35. Program may serve young people up to age 29 in an advanced capacity.

2. *Participant eligibility.* Participants must be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States, meeting the same citizenship requirements as those for serving in AmeriCorps and Public Lands Corps.

3. *Emphasis on diversity and inclusion.* Participant recruitment should make deliberate outreach efforts to traditionally underserved communities, including low-income and disadvantaged populations.

4. *Term of service.* Program minimum term of service of: 140 hours of on-the-ground, hands-on direct service for full

time students and summer only participants; or, 300 hours of on-the-ground, hands-on direct service for non-full time student participants. Program maximum term of service of 3,500 hours of on-the-ground, hands-on direct service, with a limited exception for program elements that require more than 3,500 hours to achieve highly advanced outcomes. Service is compensated (not volunteer). Compensation can be in the form of wages, stipend, educational credit, or other appropriate form.

5. *Organization of work.* Program organizes its participants as either: (a) crew-based where participants work collectively and intensely together directly supervised by trained and experienced crew leaders or conservation professionals; or (b) individual or small team-based where participants work individually or in coordinated teams under the direction of conservation professionals on initiatives that require specific skills and dedicated attention.

6. *Types of work.* Projects include significant outdoor activity and/or include “hands-on” direct impact and/or helps young people connect with America’s Great Outdoors. Some programs may include work that is primarily indoors—for example, science, policy or program internships—that have a clear benefit to natural, cultural or historic resources.

7. *Participant outcomes.* Program provides: (a) Job skill development to prepare participants to be successful in the 21st century workforce; (b) community skill development to help participants acquire an ethic of service to others and learn to become better resource and community stewards; and (c) a connection, improvement or restoration of the natural or cultural/urban environment or a greater understanding of our natural, cultural or historic resources.

8. *Leveraged investment.* Program leverages public investment through either financial or in-kind support, to the extent possible. Exceptions may be made to support new, smaller, or federal programs that increase diversity and inclusion.

21CSC Member Organization Benefits & Caveats

Through this “notice of interest” process, all respondents that currently meet each of the criteria listed in all 21CSC principles will be designated as a 21CSC member organization. Designation as a 21CSC member organization is not a commitment of funding or future partnership opportunities, however this designation

may result in the following benefits to and limitations for member organizations and the Federal agencies represented on the 21CSC National Council.

1. Access to a national network of 21CSC member organizations.
2. Identification on a Web site as a 21CSC member organization.
3. Ability to utilize the 21CSC brand to promote affiliation as a member organization.
4. Career and youth development opportunities with federal agencies for participants of member organizations, where available.
5. Opportunities to participate in webinars and other outreach to agency field staff to increase awareness of how agency natural, cultural or historic resource management needs can be supported or met by youth and veterans conservation corps, where appropriate.

6. Neither this announcement, nor letters of interest submitted in response to this announcement, obligates any Federal agency represented on the 21CSC National Council to enter into a contractual agreement with any respondent.

7. Federal agencies represented on the 21CSC National Council reserve the right to establish a partnership based on organizational priorities and capabilities found by way of this announcement or other searches, if determined to be in the best interest of the government.

8. This Notice does not preclude any Federal agencies from entering into agreements or partnerships with non-21CSC organizations.

9. The 21CSC National Council expects that aggregate data from all the participating Federal agencies regarding 21CSC accomplishments will be required for annual Performance Accountability Reports. 21CSC member organizations should be prepared to report informational data and accomplishments outcomes on an annual basis. Data collection may include information such as: project/program type; project location; project outcomes; participant outcomes; funding amount/resources; age range of participants; number of youth engaged; number of veterans engaged; number of hours participants worked; number of participants converted to jobs, etc.

Key Notice Dates & Highlights: An interagency team will review submissions and respond by September 30, 2014. Letters will be reviewed quarterly and the member organization directory will also be updated quarterly. Organizations may be removed at any time by written request. Membership will last through the 2014 calendar year; more information regarding membership

beyond this period will be forthcoming by August 2014. This notice is being published by the USDA Forest Service on behalf of the National Council, and 21CSC member organizations recognized through this process will be acknowledged by all signatories to the National Council Memorandum of Understanding.

Dated: April 7, 2014.

Leslie A.C. Weldon,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Willamette National Forest, McKenzie River Ranger District; Oregon; Green Mountain Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Green Mountain Project is proposed to increase stream-side vegetative diversity, increase in-stream habitat complexity and productivity, shift the age-class and structural diversity of the forest in the project area landscape, and provide forest products. Proposed activities to achieve the purpose of the project include forest management treatments across approximately 5,154 acres (~4.9% of the analyzed landscape). Treatments include ~3,588 acres of variable forest thinning (including 1,859 acres of riparian reserve thinning) and ~1,250 acres of regenerating forest habitat creation through harvests that may include shelterwood harvests, two-aged systems, group selections, variable retention harvests, and seed tree harvests. Road work would be part of the actions associated with the proposed activities and would include: Road maintenance/reconstruction (~137 miles), temporary road construction (~21 miles), new road construction (~0.5 miles), road decommissioning (~9.6), road closure amendments, and one potential bridge replacement.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 12, 2014. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August 2014 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to 57600 McKenzie HWY, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413. Comments may also be sent via email to *comments-*