

officials, and other technical experts to inventory resources, identify cause-effect relationships, and develop—and evaluate—alternative plans of action to address resource concerns.

Another public meetings was held in Redbone, Georgia on May 23, 2002. Local operators, landowners, and citizens attended the meeting. The results of surveys, studies, field investigations, and alternative plans of actions were presented. Those attending agreed upon a Recommended Plan, developed by the Planning Team.

From January 2002 to May 2002, representatives of the SWCD, NRCS, EPD, WRD, CES, and other officials evaluated data to determine the quality and quantity of resources that would be impacted by selected practices and to consider possible mitigation measures. It was the consensus of the group that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not needed for this project. This agreement was based on the type of practices and systems planned and that each would be installed on previously disturbed land. With this consensus, and Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared accordingly.

Upon review of the EA, this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared. These documents are being distributed to all concerned agencies, groups, and interested individuals. A Notice of Availability of the FONSI is being published in the **Federal Register**.

Agency consultations and public participation to date has shown no conflicts with the implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant adverse local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the recommended Tobosofkee Creek Watershed Plan is not required.

Dated: June 18, 2002.

Leonard Jordan,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

South Logan/Scott Counties Water Supply Project; Logan and Scott Counties, AR

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is being prepared for the creation of a municipal and industrial water supply for the cities of Booneville and Waldron, Arkansas in Logan and Scott Counties, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416 Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, Telephone (501) 301-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cities of Booneville and Waldron, Arkansas are in need of additional water to ensure an adequate supply of municipal and industrial water due to current and expected growth in the future. Since federal funds will be expended in this study and due to potential public concern, Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is needed for this project.

Alternatives currently being considered for inclusion in the EIS include the "No Action" alternative; the construction of a flood control/water supply lake located on the Upper Petit Jean River near Elm Springs, Arkansas; expansion of the existing Booneville and Waldron water supply reservoirs; and pumping water from Blue Mountain Lake, a Corps of Engineers flood control and water supply lake.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. A public scoping meeting will be held to solicit input from the public and to

determine the scope of the environmental impact statement on August 13, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Scott County Courthouse in Waldron, Arkansas.

Submit written comments and suggestions on the proposal, or requests to be placed on the EIS mailing list, to Jim Ellis, Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Natural Resources Planning Staff, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, or email to Jim.Ellis@ar.usda.gov.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: June 25, 2002.

David A. Weeks,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues relating to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at 9 a.m., and continue until 4 p.m. The meeting will resume Thursday, July 18, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service, at the address below, on or before July 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: On both days, July 17-18, the meeting will be held at the Radisson Quad City Plaza at 111 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801; telephone: (563) 322-2200. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Beth Sauerhaft, USDA-NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6158, Washington, DC 20013.