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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Public Meetings of the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) will hold meetings to become informed about Black Hills National Forest issues and to consider those issues so as to make management recommendations to the forest supervisor. The meetings are open, and the public may attend any part of the meetings.

Dates and Agenda Issues:

- Wednesday, December 8, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Phase II Amendment/Board Bylaw Changes.
- Wednesday, January 5, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Phase II Amendment.
- Wednesday, February 16, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m.—To be announced through local news media.
- Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m.—To be announced through local news media.
- Wednesday, April 20, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m.—To be announced through local news media.
- Wednesday, May 18, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m.—To be announced through local news media.

ADDRESSES: SDSU West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Boulevard, Rapid City, SD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Carroll, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, SD 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: November 22, 2004.

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Black Hills National Forest Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Appointees to the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of appointees.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF), and has appointed qualified individuals to serve as members.

DATES: The effective date of the appointment is September 17, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elvis Graves, Acting Designated Federal Official; telephone: (336) 370-3331, extension 421; fax: (202) 720-2646, e-mail: elvis.graves@gnb.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 2004, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the selection of individuals to serve as members of AAQTF through September 17, 2006.

The Task Force is chaired by the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and made up of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) employees, industry representatives, and other experts in the fields of agriculture and air quality. The AAQTF charter is renewed every 2 years to address agricultural air quality issues.

Service as a Task Force member shall not constitute employment by, or the holding of an office of, the United States for the purpose of any Federal law. A Task Force member shall serve for a term of 2 years. AAQTF members shall receive no compensation from NRCS for their service as Task Force members except as described below. While away from home, or regular place of business, as a member of the Task Force, the member will be eligible for travel expenses paid by NRCS, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the same rate as a person employed intermittently in the Government service under Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

Task Force Purpose

As required by Section 391 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, the Chief of NRCS shall establish a Task Force to address

agricultural air quality issues and advise the Secretary of Agriculture on oversight and coordination functions. The Task Force provides recommendations and guidance on the development and implementation of air quality policy. The Task Force also serves as an advisory committee and will operate under the terms of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Task Force will:

1. Review research on agricultural air quality supported by Federal agencies;
2. Provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding air quality and its relation to agriculture based upon sound scientific findings;
3. Work to ensure intergovernmental (Federal, State and local) coordination in establishing policy for agricultural air quality, and to avoid duplication of efforts;
4. Assist, to the extent possible, Federal agencies in correcting their erroneous data with respect to agricultural air quality; and
5. Ensure that air quality research related to agriculture receives adequate peer review and considers economic feasibility.

An announcement of the first meeting of this Task Force will be published in the **Federal Register**. Additional information regarding the AAQTF may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://aaqtf.tamu.edu>.

2004-2006 USDA Agricultural Air Quality Task Force Members

Arizona

Kevin G. Rogers, Producer.

California

Cynthia Cory, California Farm Bureau.
Manuel F. Cunha, Jr., Nisei Farmers League.

Robert G. Flocchini, University of California-Davis.

Roger Isom, California Cotton Ginners & Growers.

Hawaii

Janet Ashman, Hawaii Agricultural Research Center.

Idaho

Dave Roper, Producer.

Patrick A. Takasugi, Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Indiana

Robert N. Jackman, Veterinarian, State Senator.