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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Plum Creek Watershed, Pepin and Pierce Counties, WI.

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Plum Creek Watershed, Pepin and Pierce Counties, Wisconsin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia S. Leavenworth, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 6515 Watts Road, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin, 53719. Telephone (608) 276-8732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Patricia S. Leavenworth, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are grade stabilization, sediment damage reduction, and incidental flood prevention. The planned works of improvement include the repair of Structure Number 19, the removal of accumulated sediment, and the enactment of a county floodplain zoning ordinance which restricts future

development within the hydraulic shadow of Structure Number 19.

A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Sheryl B. Paczwa.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Patricia S. Leavenworth,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oregon

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Oregon for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Oregon to issue revisions to Conservation Practice Standards 313, Waste Storage Facility, 590, Nutrient Management, and 633, Waste Utilization, in Section IV of the State Technical Guide in Oregon. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before May 10, 2001. Once the review and comment period is over and the standards are finalized, they will be placed in the individual Field Office Technical Guide in each field office.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Roy M. Carlson, Jr., Leader for Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, Oregon 97204. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to roy.carlson@or.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy M. Carlson, Jr., 503-414-3231

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 in Oregon will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Oregon regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made. In Oregon, "technical guides" refers to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in Oregon.

Dated: April 2, 2001.

Bob Graham,

State Conservationist, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Inviting Preapplications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$4.5 million in competing Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 2001. Of this amount, \$1.5 million will be reserved for preapplications which focus on assistance to small, minority producers whose governing board or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent minorities through their cooperative businesses. This action will comply with legislation which authorizes grants for establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit preapplications for FY 2001 and award grants before September 1, 2001.