

voice mail at (301) 734-8139. Leave a message with your name, telephone number, organization, if any, and an estimate of the time you need to speak. You may also register at the meeting itself. Please register at the meeting room between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., before the meeting officially begins. Starting with the advance registrants, we will call speakers in the order in which they registered.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 3 p.m. We may end the meeting early if all the registered speakers have had a chance to speak and if no one else wants to speak. We may also extend the meeting, or limit the time allowed for each speaker, if necessary, so all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

An APHIS representative will preside at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded. We encourage speakers to present written statements, though it is not required. If you choose to present a written statement, please provide the chairperson with a copy. The complete record, including the transcript and all written comments, will be available to the public.

This meeting is the first in a planned series of public meetings. We plan to hold additional meetings in Idaho, Illinois (Chicago), Maine, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Washington. We will publish a notice or notices in the **Federal Register** announcing the dates, times, and locations of the meetings.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of November 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for requesting additional nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture intends to renew the charter of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on ways to encourage Federal and State beginning farmer programs to provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2000, soliciting nominations

of persons to serve on the Committee, and a September 25, 2000, deadline was established for accepting nominations. In order to obtain a sufficient pool of nominees, USDA is extending the deadline to December 7, 2000.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by December 7, 2000 to Mark Falcone, Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Committee, at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Mark Falcone, DFO for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5438-S, STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-1632; FAX (202) 690-1117; e-mail mark_falcone@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Falcone at (202) 720-1632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-554) required the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on, among other issues, the development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers and methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program.

The law requires that Committee members include representatives from the Farm Service Agency (FSA); State beginning farmer programs (as defined in section 309(i)(5) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act); commercial lenders; private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer or rancher programs; the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; community colleges or other educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers; and other entities or persons providing lending or technical assistance to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. The Secretary has also appointed farmers and ranchers to the Committee.

FSA is now accepting nominations of individuals to serve for a 2-year term on the Committee, which is comprised of 18 individuals. One-third of the existing Committee membership will be replaced when the Committee charter expires on November 25, 2000. No member, other than a USDA employee, can serve for more than 6 consecutive years.

Nominations are being sought through the media, the **Federal Register**, and other appropriate methods. Persons nominated for the Committee will be

required to complete and submit an Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Questionnaire (Form AD 755). The questionnaire is available on the Internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/LoanForms.htm>. Questionnaires can be completed on-line. However, nominees must print their completed forms from an Adobe PDF file and mail or fax them to the above address or fax number. The form may also be requested by telephone, fax, or e-mail. All inquiries and submissions should be made to Mark Falcone at the addresses and numbers listed above.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices, consistent with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on November 9, 2000.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Executive Order 13168 published September 22, 2000, established the President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health (Commission). This meeting will be devoted to reviewing written and oral comments received to establish a list of issues on tobacco and health related issues the Commission will consider in issuing its Reports to the President. This notice announces a public meeting to be conducted by the Commission on December 5, 2000. All meetings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Written comments may be filed with the committee before or after the

meeting at the contact information listed below.

DATES: The Commission will meet on December 5, 2000, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 2101 L Street, NW, Room 303A, Washington, DC. All times are Eastern Standard Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Richardson, Executive Director, Tobacco Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue., SW, STOP 0574, Washington, D.C. 20250-0574 or telephone (202) 418-4266 or toll free (886) 804-6694; FAX (202) 418-4270; Internet: doug_richardson@wdc.usda.fsa.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to advise the President on changes occurring in the tobacco farming economy and recommend such measures as may be necessary to improve economic opportunity and development in communities that are dependent on tobacco production, while protecting consumers, particularly children, from hazards associated with smoking. The Commission shall collect and review information about changes in the tobacco farming economy and Federal, State, and local initiatives intended to help tobacco growers, tobacco quota holders, and communities dependent on tobacco production pursue new economic opportunities. The Commission may make recommendations concerning these, and any other, changes and initiatives that may be necessary to improve economic opportunity in communities dependent on tobacco production. The Commission shall also consider the public health implications of such changes and initiatives, including the efforts to reduce the number of people who incur tobacco caused diseases. The Commission may also make recommendations about measures needed to reduce the tobacco related health consequences of tobacco use in the United States and abroad. The Commission conducted forums on November 9, 2000, in Raleigh, NC, and on November 10, 2000, in Louisville, KY. Both forums were held to seek comments on tobacco and health related issues the Commission will consider in issuing its Reports to the President.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Doug Richardson, at the address specified above, by COB November 28, 2000.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on November 17, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Interface Recreation Trails Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed Interface Recreation Trails Project on the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. The agency proposes to design a system of recreation routes, determine the uses that can occur on each route in the system, and develop measures to protect natural resources on approximately 8,600 acres of National Forest System lands. Hiking, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, off-highway vehicle riding, and street legal vehicle riding are the uses being considered in this analysis. The purpose of the proposal is to provide a variety of recreation opportunities for route users while protecting the natural resources, minimizing conflicts between recreationists and others, and promoting public safety.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Calaveras Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 500, Hathaway Pines, California, 95233. Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to mailroom_r5_stanislaus@fs.fed.us. Please reference the Interface Recreation Trails project on the subject line and include your name and mailing address with your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Casselberry, Planning Team Leader, telephone: (209) 795-1381, extension 321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental consequences of a proposed interface recreation trails project on the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. The proposed project is located in Calaveras County, California, within the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus

National Forest in portions of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, T.4N., R.14E., a portion of section 18, T.4N., R.15E., portions of sections 13, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, T.5N., R.14E., and portions of sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, T.5N., R.15E., MDB&M. It is adjacent to the western boundary of the communities of Hathaway Pines, Avery, Arnold, and White Pines.

Under the current proposal being analyzed, non-motorized and motorized recreation use (multiple use) would continue to be allowed on 19.5 miles of existing trails and roads; 16.6 miles of existing trails and roads would be available for non-motorized recreation use only; 17.4 miles of existing roads would be routes for street legal (highway licensed) vehicles only. Also, there would be 10.0 miles of multiple use routes and 10.7 miles of non-motorized trails constructed and 26.5 miles of existing trails and roads closed. Five gates would be closed to public motorized traffic and one mile of Forest Road 5N95Y would be chipsealed. Parking areas would be established on Forest Road 5N52 and County Road 323 to access the trail system. A low-water crossing and approach would be constructed at Slick Rock Crossing. Street legal vehicle and non-motorized uses only zones that are a minimum of a one-quarter mile wide would be established adjacent to subdivisions. A permanent public easement for the segment of the trail that crosses private land located in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 30, T.5N., R.15E. would be sought from the landowner. Written orders would be issued to enforce trail use restrictions, trail closures, zone restrictions, and gate closures.

Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to implement the proposed action as described above, to meet the purpose and need for action through some other combination of activities, or to take no action at this time.

Responsible Official

Robert W. Griffith, District Ranger, Calaveras Ranger District, P.O. Box 500, Hathaway Pines, California, 95233 is the Responsible Official who will decide what actions are to be implemented to provide a variety of recreation opportunities for route users within the project area. He will document his decisions and rationale in a Record of Decision.

Preliminary Issues

Three preliminary issues have been identified: (1) Disturbances by human presence and noise on the trails and