

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. The meeting will be held at Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., SW., Olympia, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda topics are: Overview of the Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act; approval of Title II expenditures for an individual to attend the National Resource Advisory Committee workshop; roles and responsibilities of Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) members; review and approve RAC bylaws; review the Title II project submission process; Title III project updates; election of RAC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; approve future meetings date; open forum; and public comments.

All Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Ken Eldredge, Province Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2301.

Dated: January 25, 2005.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Establishment of Middle Mississippi Purchase Unit, Alexander, Jackson, and Union Counties, IL**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 24, 2004, the Deputy Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment created the Middle Mississippi Purchase Unit. This purchase unit comprises 60,000 acres, more or less, within Alexander, Jackson,

and Union Counties, Illinois. A copy of the establishment document, which includes the legal description of the lands within the purchase unit, appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Establishment of this purchase unit was effective October 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the purchase unit is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director, Lands Staff, 4th Floor-South, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect the map are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1248 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory C. Smith, Acting Director, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

Establishment of the Middle Mississippi Purchase Unit, Alexander, Jackson, and Union Counties, State of Illinois

The following described lands lying adjacent or proximate to the Shawnee National Forest are determined to be suitable for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams and for other purposes in accordance with section 6 of the Weeks Act of 1911 (16 U.S.C. 515). Therefore, in furtherance of the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Weeks Act of 1911, as amended, including section 17 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-588; 90 Stat. 2961), these lands are hereby designated and established as the Middle Mississippi purchase unit.

All that certain tract of land lying within the watershed of the Mississippi River and other streams and tributaries of the Mississippi River Floodplain. The intent of this description is to describe a portion of land in the counties of Jackson, Union, and Alexander, and lying in the following Townships: Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, Township 14 South, Range 4 West; said tract more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly line of the Shawnee National Forest, said point being near the center of Section 18, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, and being near the intersection of State Route 3 and Power Plant Road, Jackson County, Illinois; thence along said westerly line of Shawnee

National Forest, through portions of Township 10 South, Range 3 West, and Township 10 South Range 4 West, to a point on the banks of the Mississippi River; thence departing said Shawnee National, Southerly, along the meanders of the banks of the Mississippi River, passing through portions of Jackson, Union and Alexander counties, Illinois, and passing through portions of Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Township 11 South Range 4 West, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, Township 14 South, Range 4 West, to a point on the South line of Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 3 West; thence departing said meanders of the banks of the Mississippi River, Easterly, along the South line of Township 14 South, Range 3 West, to a point on the Westerly line of the Shawnee National Forest, said point being near the South Quarter corner of Section 33, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, and being near the city of Gale; thence departing said South line of Township 14 South, Range 3 West, Northerly, along the Westerly line of the Shawnee National Forest passing through portions of Alexander, Union and Jackson counties, and passing through portions of Township 14 South, Range 3 West, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, Township 13 South, Range 2 West, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, and Township 10 South Range 3 West, to the point of beginning.

Executed in Washington, DC this 23rd day of October, 2004.

Mark Rey,

Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Proposed Changes to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue 21 new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (Code 591), Early Successional Habitat Development (Code 647), Firebreak (Code 394), Fuel Break (Code 383), Land Reclamation,

Toxic Discharge Control (Code 455), Residue and Tillage Management—Mulch Till (Code 345), Residue and Tillage Management—No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (Code 329), Residue and Tillage Management—Ridge Till (Code 346), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (Code 643), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Code 390), Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (Code 646), Slash Treatment (Code 384), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (Code 632), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Code 645), Use Exclusion (Code 472), Waste Treatment (Code 629), Wetland Creation (Code 658), Wetland Enhancement (Code 659), Wetland Restoration (Code 657), and Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (Code 644). NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States will incorporate them into Section IV of their respective electronic Field Office Technical Guides. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land, or on land determined to be wetland.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of these standards can be downloaded or printed from the following Web site: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/federal-register/>. Single copies of these standards are also available from NRCS in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries in writing to Daniel Meyer, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available, for public review and comment, proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 30 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of changes will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 24, 2005.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census Employment Inquiry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Viola Lewis-Willis, Bureau of the Census, Room 1408, Building #2, Washington, DC 20233, and (301) 763-3285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BC-170, Census Employment Inquiry, is used to collect information such as personal data and work experience from job applicants. The BC-170 is used throughout the census and intercensal periods for special censuses, decennial census pretests, and dress rehearsals for short-term time limited appointments. Applicants completing the form for a census related position are applying for temporary jobs in office and field positions (clerks, enumerators, crew leaders, supervisors). In addition, as an option to the OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, the BC-170 may be used when applying for temporary/permanent office and field positions (clerks, field representatives, supervisors) on a

recurring survey in one of the Census Bureau's 12 Regional Offices (ROs) throughout the United States. This form is completed by job applicants at the time they are tested. Selecting officials review the information shown on the form to evaluate an applicant's eligibility for employment. During the decennial census, the BC-170 is intended to expedite hiring and selection in situations requiring large numbers of temporary employees for assignments of a limited duration.

The use of this form is limited to only situations which require the establishment of a temporary office and/or involve special, one-time or recurring survey operations at one of the ROs. The form has been demonstrated to meet our recruitment needs for temporary workers and requires significantly less burden than the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Optional Forms that are available for use by the public when applying for Federal positions. Over the next three years, we expect to recruit approximately 102,000 applicants for census jobs (*i.e.*, one-time censuses, special censuses and decennial pretests and dress rehearsals), resulting in a significant savings in respondent burden.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information at the time of testing for temporary and permanent positions. Potential employees being tested complete a four-page paper application at the time of testing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0139.
Form Number: BC-170A, BC-170B, BC-170D.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 34,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to the respondent is his/her time for completing the form.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 23.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the