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(10) Represent the Department at conferences, meetings and other contacts where consumer affairs issues are discussed, including liaison with the White House and other governmental agencies and departments.

(11) Work with the Office of Budget and Program Analysis and the Office of Communications to ensure coordination of USDA consumer affairs and public participation programs, policies and information, and to prevent duplication of responsibilities.

(12) Serve as a consumer ombudsman and communication link between consumers and the Department.

(13) Approve the designation of agency Consumer Affairs Contacts.

(14) Administer those functions under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) relating to the eligibility of aliens for benefits under the domestic food assistance programs.

(b) [Reserved]

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Subpart J—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

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§2.59 Deputy Under Secretaries for Natural Resources and Environment.

Pursuant to §2.20(a), subject to reservations in §2.20(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment to the Deputy Under Secretaries for Natural Resources and Environment, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. Provided, that, except in the absence of both the Under Secretary and a Deputy

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Under Secretary, this authority shall be exercised by the respective Deputy Under Secretary only with respect to the area or responsibility assigned to him or her.

§2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.20(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(6), (a)(7)(ii) and (a)(8), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment to the Chief of the Forest Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section, the term “forestry” encompasses renewable and nonrenewable resources of forests, including lands governed by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, and alpine areas including but not limited to recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish; natural scenic, scientific, cultural, and historic values of forests and related lands; and derivative values such as economic strength and social well being).

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are designated as the National Forest System. This delegation covers the acquisition and disposition of lands and interest in lands as may be authorized for the protection, management, and administration of the National Forest System, except that the authority to approve acquisition of land under the Weeks Act of March 1, 1911, as amended, and special forest receipts acts (Pub. L. No. 337, 74th Cong., 49 Stat. 866, as amended by Pub. L. No. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. No. 505, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 347, as amended by Pub. L. No. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. No. 634, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 699, as amended by Pub. L. No. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. No. 748, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 1205, as amended by Pub. L. No. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. No. 427, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 46; Pub. L. No. 589, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 297; Pub. L. No. 591, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 299; Pub. L. No. 637, 76th Cong.,