

community: Energy Conservation, Climate Change and Public Health.

NUCFAC will seek proposals from organizations and partnerships that demonstrate the reach, resources and expertise needed to deliver meaningful, replicable results. As much as \$500,000 would be available in 2009 for one or more Innovation Grants.

2009 Best Practices Grants

- Smaller grants will be funded up to \$50,000 per application for organizations that can implement, demonstrate, and disseminate replicable approaches to: Make best practices/latest science in urban forestry accessible to practitioners;
 - Nurture networks of urban forestry practitioners within existing conservation, organizations, professional societies, social networks, and Internet communities; and
 - Address other challenges to the U&CF community.

DATES: Applications are available electronically at the following Web site, <http://www.grants.gov>, due by 11:59 p.m., February 17, 2009.

Those that do not have access to a computer may request a hardcopy of the application and instructions by contacting Nancy Stremple at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this announcement should be addressed to Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to nstremple@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 202-690-5792.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-205-1054 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff or Robert Prather, Staff Assistant to National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th St., SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151, phone 202-205-1054.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2009 U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant instructions and application are posted on <http://www.grants.gov>. The instructions only will be posted on the NUCFAC and U.S. Forest Service Web sites at: <http://www.treelink.org/nucfac> and <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac>.

If interested applicants are not already registered in grants.gov, they are encouraged to register now. The process may take up to two weeks to collect the required information.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Fee Sites; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Northern Region, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of New Fee Sites.

SUMMARY: Pending public comments and feedback received through the BLM Resource Advisory Council (BLM RAC) review and recommendation process, the following National Forests and National Grasslands in the Northern Region propose to begin charging new fees at the following recreation sites: The Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest will begin charging new fees for overnight camping at Pintler Campground (\$5/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$3/vehicle; East Fork Campground (\$8/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$3/vehicle; North Van Houten Campground (\$9/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$3/vehicle; South Van Houten Campground (\$9/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$3/vehicle; Twin Lakes Campground (\$9/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$3/vehicle; for day use at Canyon Creek Day Use Site (\$4/site), and for the overnight rental at Long Tom Cabin (\$40/night); and at Springhill Cabin (\$50/night). Bitterroot National Forest will begin charging new fees for overnight camping at Blodgett Campground (\$8/night); for day use at Willoughby Group Site (\$50); for the overnight rental of Lost Horse Cabin (\$50/night); and Boulder Point Lookout (\$35/night). The Clearwater National

Forest will begin charging new fees for the overnight rental of Wendover Cabin (\$40/night). The Custer National Forest will begin charging new fees for overnight camping at Jimmy Joe Campground (\$10/night) with an extra vehicle fee of \$5/night; Palisades Campground (\$10/night) with an extra vehicle fee of \$5/night; M K Campground (\$10/night) with an extra vehicle fee of \$5/night; and Initial Creek Campground (\$10/night) with an extra vehicle fee of \$5/night. The Dakota Prairie Grasslands will begin charging new fees for overnight camping at Burning Coal Vein Campground (\$10/night). The Idaho Panhandle National Forest will begin charging new fees for overnight camping at Cedar Creek Campground (\$8/night) with an extra vehicle fee of \$2/night; Telichpah Campground (\$8/night) with an additional vehicle fee of \$2/night; Tripod Point Campground (\$5/night); Distillery Bay Campground (\$5/night); Bottle Bay Campground (\$5/night); and Teacher Bay Campground (\$5/night). The Idaho Panhandle National Forest will also begin charging a dump station fee of \$3 at Upper Landing Dump Station for each tank downloaded. The Nez Perce National Forest will begin charging new fees for the overnight rental of Sourdough Lookout (\$30/night); Moore's Station Cabin (\$50/night); Elk Mountain Cabin (\$35/night); Selway Falls Cabin (\$50/night); Burnt Knob Lookout (\$25/night); Square Mountain Lookout (\$25/night); and Indian Hill Cabin (\$35/night). Rentals of other cabins and lookouts throughout the Northern Region have shown that the public appreciates and enjoys the availability of historic rental cabins and lookouts as well as campgrounds and group camping sites. Funds from the cabin rentals, campgrounds, group camping site, day use site and dump station will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of recreation sites.

DATES: Pending additional public comment and BLM Resource Advisory Committee review and recommendation regarding charging new fees at these proposed sites, the cabins, lookouts, campgrounds, group camping site, group use day use site, day use site and RV dump station could become available as early as June 24, 2009. Additionally, fee pricing may be adjusted per the proposed Region One Regional Recreation Fee schedule, per public and BLM RAC comments on the framework and fee pricing schedule, which will also go through Federal Register notice, regional and local

public comment, and BLM RAC review and recommendation.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding these new proposed fee sites may be sent directly to the respective Forest or Grassland: Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725-3572; Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest, 1801 North First Street, Hamilton, MT 59840; Forest Supervisor, Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544; Forest Supervisor, Custer National Forest, 1310 Main Street, Billings, MT 59105; Grasslands Supervisor, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 240 W. Century Avenue, Bismark, ND 58503; Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815; Forest Supervisor, Nez Perce National Forest, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, ID 83530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Packard, Northern Region Recreation Fee Program Coordinator, 406-329-3586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The intent of this notice is to give the public an opportunity to comment if they have concerns or questions about new fees.

The Northern Region currently offers over 150 other cabin rentals, including guard stations and fire lookouts, 208 fee campgrounds and 268 non-fee (free) campgrounds. Many sites are often fully booked throughout their rental season. Local public comments have shown that people desire having these sorts of recreation experiences on these National Forests and Grasslands. The fees proposed are based on amenities offered and local comparable markets and are both reasonable and acceptable for these sorts of unique recreation experience.

People wanting to rent these cabins, lookouts, campgrounds and group camping sites will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 fee for reservations made on-line and a \$10 fee for reservations made by phone.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Thomas Tidwell,

Regional Forester, Northern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 23, 2009 to be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, Rural Development, USDA, STOP 3252, Room 4221, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252. Telephone: (202) 690-3407, e-mail: edgar.lewis@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0041.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information will allow the Agency to determine the eligibility of the applicants; determine the specific purpose for which the funds will be utilized; determine the timeframes or dates by which activities surrounding the use of funds will be accomplished; determine the feasibility of the project; and to evaluate applicants' experience in managing similar activities.

Without the collection of this information, there would be no basis on which to award funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 15 minutes to 15 hours per response.

Respondents: Only 1890 Land Grant Institutions of Higher Education and Tuskegee University.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Number of Responses: 297.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 804 hours.

Copies of this information collected can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch: (202) 692-0043.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments on the paperwork burden may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Ben Anderson,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Solicitation of Applications and Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development administers rural utilities programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development announces its Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 subject to the availability of funding. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations