

and operation of the proposal would not have a significant environmental impact, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact. Public notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the proposal area.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: March 30, 2009.

Mark S. Plank,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA/Rural Development/Utilities Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Raccoon Island Shore Protection/ Marsh Creation Project—Phase B (TE-48-B) Terrebonne Parish, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of 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 Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (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 Phase B portion of the Raccoon Island Shore Protection/Marsh Creation Project (TE-48-B), Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A supplemental environmental assessment of the 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, Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, has determined that preparation and review of an

environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project will protect the Raccoon Island rookery and seabird colonies threatened by a retreating shoreline by reducing the rate of erosion along the northern end of the island by creating additional wetlands and avian habitat within the back bay area. The proposed project consists of creating approximately 68 acres of new habitat for bird species on the northeast portion of the island by backfilling open water areas with suitable dredged material and planting appropriate woody and herbaceous species.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Kevin D. Norton.

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

Kevin D. Norton,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee will be conducting two monthly meetings for project presentations and will hold a short public forum (question and answer session). The meetings are being held pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 106-939) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393). The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on April 27-28, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Bitterroot National Forest, Supervisor Office, Conference Room, 1801 North First Street, Hamilton, Montana. Send written comments to

Daniel Ritter, District Ranger, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870, by facsimile (406) 777-7423, or electronically to dritter@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Ritter, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: April 8, 2009.

Julie K. King,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on air quality issues relating to agriculture.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7, 2009, and conclude at 5:15 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively. A public comment period will be held on May 6, 2009. Individuals making oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site and must bring 50 copies of any material they would like distributed. Written materials for AAQTF's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Michele Laur (address given below) no later than April 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel located at 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, California 93721; telephone: (800) 617-1335 or (559) 268-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments should be directed to Michele Laur, Designated Federal Official. Ms. Laur may be contacted at NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6165-S, Washington, DC 20013; telephone: (202) 720-1858; e-mail: michele.laur@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information concerning AAQTF, may be located on the Web site at <http://www.airquality.nrcs.usda.gov/AAQTF/>.

Draft Agenda of the May 6, 2009, Meeting of AAQTF*

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

- A. Welcome to Fresno.
- B. Discussion of California Air Quality Issues.
- C. Discussion of Greenhouse Gas.
- D. Public Comments.

(Time will be reserved on May 6 to receive public comment. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes).

Thursday, May 7, 2009

- D. Discussion of Engine Emissions and Regulations.
- E. Discussion of Reactive Nitrogen.
- F. Discussion of Subcommittee Recommendations
- G. Next Meeting, Time and Place.

*Please note that the timing of events in the agenda is subject to change to accommodate changing schedules of expected speakers.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may give oral presentations during the meeting. Those persons wishing to make oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site. Those wishing to distribute written materials at the meeting (in conjunction with spoken comments) must bring 50 copies of the materials with them. Written materials for distribution to AAQTF members prior to the meeting must be received by Ms. Laur no later than April 20, 2009.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Ms. Laur. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of political beliefs and marital or family status is also prohibited by statutes enforced by USDA (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2000 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 25, 2009.

Dave White,
Acting Chief.

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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 a series of revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Anaerobic Digester (Code 366); Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application (Code 450); Brush Management (Code 314); Fish Raceway or Tank (Code 398); Irrigation Ditch Lining (Code 428); Irrigation Pipeline (Code 430); Irrigation Reservoir (Code 436); Surface Drain, Field Ditch (Code 607); Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (Code 608); Roof Runoff Structure (Code 558); and Surface Roughening (Code 609). 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 a wetland.

DATES: Effective Dates: Comments will be received for a 30-day period, commencing with this date of publication. Final versions of these new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period, and after consideration of all comments.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted by one of the following methods:

1. *In Writing to:* National Agricultural Engineer, NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013-2890; or
2. *Electronically via e-mail to:* Wayne.Bogovich@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 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 paper versions of these standards also are available from NRCS in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries in writing to Wayne Bogovich, National Agricultural Engineer, NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139-South, Washington, DC 20013-2890; or *e-mail:* wayne.bogovich@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amount of the proposed changes varies considerably for each of the Conservation Practice Standards addressed in this notice. To fully understand the proposed changes, individuals are encouraged to compare these changes with each standard's current version shown at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/Standards/nhcp.html>. To aid in this comparison, following are highlights of the proposed revisions to each standard:

Anaerobic Digester (Code 366)—Two existing practice standards were combined (Anaerobic Digester—Ambient Temperature (Code 365) and Anaerobic Digester—Controlled Temperature (Code 366) into a revised 366 Anaerobic Digester standard. Every section of this standard has been edited to ensure that it addresses all types of anaerobic digesters.

Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application (Code 450)—The title was changed from "PAM Erosion Control." Safety and Health considerations and references were added.

Brush Management (Code 314)—Substantial changes are proposed to this practice standard. Prescribed burning is removed as a brush management treatment. Only chemical, mechanical, and biological treatments are included. Prescribed burning for brush management purposes is covered in the Prescribed Burning (Code 338) standard. In the Purpose Section, wildfire hazard reduction has changed to be more comprehensive. In the criteria section, use of Ecological Site Descriptions has been added as a requirement. Further, the criteria section was enhanced to specifically address wildlife concerns. The plans and specifications section has been expanded to include requirements for monitoring.

Fish Raceway or Tank (Code 398)—For the most part, only minor editorial or grammatical changes have been made to this standard. The only significant change within the standard was to remove the exclusion of hatchery operations from the Conditions Where Practice Applies section. NRCS reviews standards periodically to ensure they are still current; this was primarily the situation for this standard.