

2413 East Highway 83, Weslaco, Texas 77840 and a research farm located at 2301 South International Boulevard, Weslaco, Texas 77840. As a condition of the transfer, TAMUS would commit to using the property for agricultural and natural resources research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program at the Property. TAMUS would assume responsibility and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA. The KSARC has been in operation as a USDA ARS research facility since 1960, with the mission "to increase food and fiber productivity by developing new technology for safe and efficient agricultural production methods and by conserving natural resources and protecting the environment." The facility was closed under Public Law (Pub. L.) 112-55, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 and is currently being utilized in a very limited capacity by researchers from other ARS locations. Under the terms of the PL, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to transfer the Property from USDA to TAMUS. If the Property is transferred, it will be done with no monetary cost to TAMUS and a Deed Without Warranty will be prepared by the USDA to convey the title/property rights to TAMUS. The Deed Without Warranty would incorporate any use restrictions identified by the NEPA process, as well as the 25-year use restriction for agricultural and natural resources research as required by Section 732 of the PL.

Two alternatives are analyzed in the Final EA, the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. The Final EA addresses potential impacts of these alternatives on the natural and human environment.

- Alternative 1—No Action. The USDA would retain possession of the approximate 70 acres of land and facilities at the KSARC. The USDA would no longer operate and/or maintain approximately 85–90% of the property and it would likely fall into a state of disrepair. The USDA will continue ongoing research funded by other Locations on the remaining 10–15% of the property.

- Alternative 2—Proposed Action. The USDA would formally transfer approximately 70 acres of land at the KSARC to TAMUS. As a condition of the transfer, TAMUS would commit to using the Property for agricultural and natural resources research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program at the Property. TAMUS would assume responsibility and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA.

In addition, one alternative was considered in the Draft EA but eliminated from detailed study. In this alternative, USDA would retain possession of the land and it would be transferred to the General Services Administration for disposal. Since it cannot reasonably be determined who would ultimately take possession of the property and how it would be utilized, it was not analyzed in detail in the EA.

The USDA used and coordinated the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3)). No comments were received during the public comment period. Based on its analysis of the Final EA for the property transfer, ARS has found that transferring the land and buildings to TAMUS would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, ARS will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposed action.

Dated: October 22, 2013.

**Caid E. Rexroad, Jr.,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before December 31, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Northern Research Station, Attention: Judy Terrell, USDA, Forest Service, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Comments also may

be submitted via email to: [jterrell@fs.fed.us](mailto:jterrell@fs.fed.us).

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, 11 Campus Boulevard, Suite 200, Newtown Square, PA 19073 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 610-557-4257 to facilitate entry to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Terrell, 610-557-4257. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0207.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 2014.

*Type of Request:* Extension with revision.

#### *Abstract:*

This information collection collects information from students attending local college and university career fairs regarding the effectiveness of the information provided by the Forest Service personnel on career opportunities in the Forest Service. The collection is necessary to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Forest Service Northern Research Station's (NRS) Civil Rights Outreach Program.

Forest Service Civil Rights personnel utilize the Outreach Opportunity Questionnaire to collect evaluation information from students regarding presentations at career day events as well as at colleges and universities. Data received has appeared in reports provided to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, senior Forest Service officials, the NRS Director, and the NRS Civil Rights Diversity Committee. This information is a vital component in the analysis of Agency outreach efforts.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 520.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimate of Burden per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17.33 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: October 28, 2013.

**J. Lenise Lago,**

*Deputy Chief, Business Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland; Wyoming; Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment Environmental Impact Statement; Correction

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement; Correction.

**SUMMARY:** A Notice of Intent (NOI) for this proposal was first published in the **Federal Register** on September 13, 2013 (78 FR 56650). This corrected NOI is being published to reinitiate the scoping period to allow for the rescheduling of public meetings that were cancelled during the original scoping period due to the lapse in government funding; to identify adjustments in project timelines; and to identify the State of Wyoming and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as Cooperating Agencies. No changes to the Proposed Action or Purpose of and Need for Action have been made.

**DATES:** Comments in response to this corrected NOI should be received by January 3, 2014. Please note that all comments received during the previous scoping period (ended October 28, 2013) will be considered in the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS). The Draft EIS is expected to be published in June 2014 and the Final EIS is expected to be published in October 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Responsible Official,

Douglas Ranger District, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, Wyoming 82633. Comments may also be sent via email to [comments-rm-mbr-douglas-thunder-basin@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rm-mbr-douglas-thunder-basin@fs.fed.us) or via facsimile to (307) 358-7107.

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 the address provided above. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead (307-358-4690) to facilitate entry into the building.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Whitford, District Ranger, Douglas Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. Telephone: (307) 358-4690.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The United States Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, is the lead agency. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the State of Wyoming would be cooperating agencies.

##### Responsible Official

The Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, is the official responsible for making the decision on this action.

##### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Site-specific management proposals, alternatives to the Proposed Action, and the effects of the activities proposed in the alternatives will be analyzed in the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment EIS. The EIS will form the basis for the Responsible Official to determine:

1. Whether the Proposed Action will proceed as proposed, as modified by an alternative, or not at all; and
2. Design criteria and monitoring requirements necessary for project implementation.

##### Scoping Process

This notice of intent reinitiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. While public

comments are welcome at any time, comments received during the scoping period are most useful for the identification of issues and the development and analysis of alternatives to the Proposed Action. More detailed information specific to the Proposed Action (e.g., scoping document and maps) is located on the World Wide Web at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=42753](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42753).

Along with this opportunity to comment, the Forest Service will also be hosting four Open House/Presentation meetings for the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment. The Open House/Presentation meetings will be held on November 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2013.

- November 18th: Douglas, Wyoming—Douglas National Guard Armory—315 Pearson Road
- November 19th: Newcastle, Wyoming—USDA Hell Canyon Ranger District Office—1225 Washington Boulevard
- November 20th: Wright, Wyoming—Wright Town Hall—Council Room—201 Wright Boulevard
- November 21st: Cheyenne, Wyoming—Laramie County Library—Sunflower Room—2200 Pioneer Avenue

The meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. and generally last until 7:00 p.m. The meetings will begin with a 30-minute Open House, followed by a short presentation and time for public comment, and ending with additional time for viewing of Open House materials and displays. Forest Service employees assigned to the Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment will be available to discuss and answer questions the public may have about the Proposed Action.

The Forest Service will be operating under the new Part 218—Project-level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process (hereinafter referred to as 'objection'), 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B, for this analysis. Per these regulations, individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during any designated opportunity for public comment will have standing to file an objection. This includes requests for comments during this initial scoping period as well as comments submitted during the 45-day comment period for the Draft EIS.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of established comment periods. Only those who submit timely