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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish an advisory council and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council (Council) pursuant to Section 5(d) of the National Trails System Act (Act) (Pub. L. 90-543), as amended through (Pub. L. 111-11) (16 U.S.C. 1241 to 1251). The Council is being established to provide advice and recommendations on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (Pacific Northwest Trail) including, but not limited to, the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan, selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the Trail, and interpretation of the Trail. Therefore, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Council members. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by June 16, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, and completed form AD-755 (Advisory Committee Membership Background Information). The form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or from the following Web site: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755_Master_2012_508%20Ver.pdf. The package must be sent to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations and applications to Matt McGrath, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 3A, Everett, WA 98201-4044; telephone (425) 783-6199; *email:* mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt McGrath, USDA Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 2930

Wetmore Avenue, Suite 3A, Everett, WA 98201-4044; telephone (425)783-6199; *email:* mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunications 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:

Background

In accordance with Section 5(d) of the National Trails System Act (Act) (Pub. L. 90-543, as amended through Pub. L. 111-11) (16 U.S.C. 1241 to 1251), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App.2), the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. The Council will be a statutory advisory council. The Council will operate under the provisions of FACA and will report to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Chief of the Forest Service.

The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail in accordance with Section 5(d) of the Act, which states,

The Secretary charged with the administration of each respective trail shall, within one year of the date of the addition of any national scenic or national historic trail to the system, establish an advisory council for each such trail, each of which councils shall expire ten years from the date of its establishment, If the appropriate Secretary is unable to establish such an advisory council because of the lack of adequate public interest, the Secretary shall so advise the appropriate committees of the Congress. The appropriate Secretary shall consult with such council from time to time with respect to matters relating to the trail, including the selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the trail, and the administration of the trail. . . .

Advisory Council Organization

The Council will be comprised of approximately of 20 members. The members appointed to the Council will provide a fairly balanced and broad representation of all public interests. Members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture as follows: the Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, or a designee; the Regional Forester of the Northern Region, Forest Service, or a designee; the Regional Director of the Pacific West or Intermountain Regions, National Park Service, or a designee; a representative of the State of Montana

(selected from recommendations by the Governor); a representative of the State of Idaho (selected from recommendations by the Governor); a representative of the State of Washington (selected from recommendation by the Governor); at least one representative for Tribal governments with an interest in the Trail or the areas through which it passes; at least one representative of a nationally recognized trails organization; at least one representative of a regionally recognized trails organization; at least one representative of outdoor recreation (hiking); at least one representative of outdoor recreation (pack and saddle stock); at least one representative of a nationally or regionally recognized environmental organization; at least one representative of archaeological and historical interests; at least one representative of a nationally or regionally recognized wildlife organization; at least one representative of the timber industry; at least one representative of the tourism industry and/or commercial outfitter interests; at least one representative of environmental education interests; at least one representative of youth engagement and employment interests; and at least one representative of private landowner interests.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

The Council will meet at least once annually or as often as necessary and at such times as designated by the Designated Federal Official (DFO).

The appointment of members to the Council will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to serve on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. Individuals may also nominate themselves. To be considered for membership, nominees must submit:

1. Resume describing qualification for membership to the Council;
2. Cover letter with a rationale for serving on the Council and what they can contribute; and
3. Complete form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information.

Letters of recommendations are welcome. All nominations will be vetted by the United States Department of the Agriculture (USDA). The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint members to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council from the list of qualified applicants.

The non-Federal and non-Independent Agency members of the

Council will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Council, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Council. To help ensure that recommendations of the committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent women, men, racial and ethnic groups, and persons with disabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee (Committee) pursuant to Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Act) (Pub. L. 110-246), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (5 U.S.C. App. 2). Additional information on the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by May 15, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, cover letter, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Laurie Schoonhoven, USDA Forest Service, Office of Cooperative Forestry, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 201 14th Street SW., mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20024 by express mail delivery or overnight courier service. Nominations sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to the following address: USDA Forest Service; Office of Cooperative Forestry, State & Private Forestry; mailstop 1123; 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurie Schoonhoven, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, Telephone: (202) 205-0929 or Karl Dalla Rosa, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Telephone: (202) 205-6206. 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 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations to fill seven vacancies that will occur when current appointments expire in December 2014. The purpose of the Committee is to continue providing direction and coordination of actions within the Department of Agriculture, and coordination with State agencies and the private sector, to effectively address the national priorities for private forest conservation, with specific focus on owners of non-industrial private forest land as described in Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). These priorities include:

1. Conserving and managing working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses,
2. Protecting forests from threats, including catastrophic wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, windstorms, snow or ice storms, flooding, drought, invasive species, insect or disease outbreak, or development, and restoring appropriate forest types in response to such threats, and
3. Enhancing public benefits from private forests, including air and water quality, soil conservation, biological diversity, carbon storage, forest products, forestry-related jobs, production of renewable energy, wildlife, wildlife corridors and wildlife habitat, and recreation.

Vacancy

Members appointed to the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented, functions to be performed, and will represent a broad array of expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Representatives from the following categories will be appointed by the Secretary with staggered terms up to 3 years: (2) State Foresters or equivalent State officials from geographically diverse regions of the United States.; (1) Non-industrial

Private Forest Landowner; (1) Land-Grant University or College; (1) Private Forestry Consultant; (1) State Technical Committee; and (1) Conservation Organization. Vacancies will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

Nomination and Application Instructions

The State Foresters, Non-industrial Private Forest Landowner, Land-Grant University or College, Private Forestry Consultant, State Technical Committee, or Conservation Organization positions must be associated with such organizations and be willing to represent that sector as it relates to non-industrial private forestry. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. The appointment of members to the Committee is made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above vacancy on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. To be considered for membership, nominees must provide the following:

1. Resume describing your qualifications to represent the vacancy;
2. Cover letter with a rationale for serving on the committee and what you can contribute;
3. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information. The form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contacts or from the following Web site: http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf.
5. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

All nominations will be vetted by USDA. A list of qualified applicants will be prepared from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint to the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery to ensure timely receipt by the USDA. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Committee, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have been taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will,