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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) pursuant to Section 606 of the Community Forest Restoration Act (Act) (Pub. L. 106–393), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (5 U.S.C. App. 2). Additional information on the Panel can be found by visiting the CFRP Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by June 4, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD–755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Walter Dunn, Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Dunn, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel, (505) 842–3425, wdunn@fs.fed.us. 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 two

positions representing Conservation Interests on the Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on which grant proposals submitted pursuant to Act best meet the CFRP objectives. The CFRP provides cost-share grants to community and stakeholder groups for forest restoration projects that are designed through a collaborative process. The projects must be in New Mexico, and may be entirely on, or on any combination of, Federal, tribal, State, county, or municipal forest lands. The CFRP supports the development of cost effective restoration activities; empowers diverse organizations to implement activities that value local and traditional knowledge; builds ownership and civic pride; and contributes to the restoration of healthy, diverse, and productive forests and watersheds.

Vacancy

Two representatives for Conservation Interests will be appointed by the Secretary to a 2-year term. Vacancies will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

Nomination and Application Instructions

To be considered for membership on the Panel nominees for the Conservation Interests positions must be United States citizens and be at least 18 years of age. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Panel, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. The appointment of members to the Panel is made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above Panel vacancies. Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Panel must submit an AD–755 application form and resume to the USDA Forest Service. The AD–755, including the enclosed continuation sheets, and resume should address the following evaluation criteria:

1. Knowledge of forest management issues in New Mexico;
2. Experience working with government planning process;
3. Knowledge and understanding of the various cultures and communities in New Mexico;
4. Ability to actively participate in diverse team settings; and

5. Demonstrated skill in working toward mutually beneficial solutions to complex issues.

Cover letters should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture. The form AD–755 may be obtained on the CFRP Web site <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp>, or from the following Web site: http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf.

All nominations will be vetted by USDA. A list of qualified applicants from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint members to the Panel will be prepared. Members of the Panel will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Panel, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Panel. To ensure that the recommendations of the Panel have been taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 29, 2014.

Gregory Parham,

Assistant Secretary of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Certified State Mediation Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection that supports the Certified State Mediation Program. The information collection is necessary to ensure that the grant program is administered properly. The collection of information is used to determine whether participants meet the eligibility requirements to be a recipient of grant funds. Lack of