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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Solicitation of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 8 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is July 18, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, completed Form AD-755, and any letters of support must be submitted via one of the following methods:

(1) Email to Michele.esch@usda.gov and Shirley.morgan@ars.usda.gov; or

(2) By mail delivery service to Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Attn: NAREEE Advisory Board, Room 332A, Whitten Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Esch, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 332A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, telephone: 202-720-3684; fax: 202-720-6199; email: michele.esch@ars.usda.gov. Committee Web site: www.nareeeab.ree.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board was established in 1996

via Section 1408 of the *National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977* (7 U.S.C. 3123) to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics. Section 1408 of the *National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977* (7 U.S.C. 3123) was amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2008 by deleting six membership categories in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which totals 25 members. Since the Advisory Boards inception by congressional legislation in 1996, each member has represented a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of its members were appointed for a one, two, and three-year term, respectively. The terms for 8 members who represent specific categories will expire September 30, 2014. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for these 8 vacant categories are sought. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category.

The 8 slots to be filled are:

Category B. Farm Cooperatives
Category D. Plant Commodity Producer
Category E. National Aquaculture Association
Category H. National Food Science Organization
Category J. National Nutritional Science Society
Category K. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
Category M. 1994 Equity in Education Land-Grant Institutions
Category Y. National Social Science Association

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety

of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category, will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must submit form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below or from: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/AD-755_Master_2012_508%20Ver.pdf). All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Please note that registered lobbyist and individuals already serving another USDA Federal Advisory Committee, are ineligible for nomination.

Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC, this 17th day of June 2014.

Ann Bartuska,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Davy Crockett Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Davy Crockett Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Ratcliff, Texas. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343)

(the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposal of new Title II projects.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 31, 2014.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Davy Crockett National Forest (NF) Ranger Station, Conference Room, 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, Texas. If you would like to attend via teleconference, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. 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 Davy Crockett NF Ranger Station. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Rowe, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 936-655-2299 extension 230, or via email at lrowe@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 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional RAC information, including the meeting agenda and the meeting summary/minutes can be found at the following Web site: https://fspaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/ABB47F5A670D58A688256DC9005B5AD5?OpenDocument. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by July 15, 2014 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral

comments must be sent to Gerald Lawrence, Jr., Designated Federal Officer, 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, Texas 75847; by email to glawrence@fs.fed.us or via facsimile to 936-655-2817.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: June 17, 2014.

Gerald Lawrence, Jr.,
Designated Federal Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Ski Area Water Rights on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Directive; Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service or Agency) is proposing to amend its internal directives for ski area concessions by adding two clauses to the Special Uses Handbook, FSH 2709.11, chapter 50, to address water rights necessary for and that primarily support operation of ski areas on National Forest System (NFS) lands. A revised water rights clause for ski area permits is needed because the current water rights clause cannot be implemented as intended in many States and because the current clause does not ensure that sufficient water is available for operation of ski areas on NFS lands. Implementation of a revised water rights clause would ensure that water will be available for ski areas on NFS lands. Additionally, there would be greater consistency and accountability in authorization of water uses and ownership of water rights for ski areas.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing by August 22, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send comments electronically by following the instructions at the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments also may be submitted by mail to USDA Forest Service, Attn:

Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staff, Ski Area Water Rights Comments, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125. Comments may also be submitted electronically to skiareawaterights@fs.fed.us. If comments are sent electronically, duplicate comments should not be sent by mail. Hand-delivered comments will not be accepted. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be made available for public review and copying. Those wishing to review comments should call Carolyn Holbrook at (202) 205-1426 to schedule an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staff, 202-205-1426, or Jean Thomas, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants staff, 202-205-1172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background and Need for the Proposed Directive

The Forest Service is proposing a revised clause to address water rights utilized in support of ski areas on NFS lands. One of the statutory duties of the Forest Service is to administer National Forest System (NFS) lands to provide outdoor recreation to the American public on a sustainable basis. Water for snowmaking and domestic uses is critical to the continuation of resort-based skiing on NFS lands. Because of this, the Forest Service requires ownership by the United States, either solely or in narrow circumstances jointly with the permit holder, of water rights developed on NFS lands to support operation of ski areas. This policy was adopted due to concern that if water rights used to support ski area operations are severed from a ski area the Forest Service will lose the ability to offer the area to the public for skiing. An example of this is when water rights are sold for other purposes.

It has long been the policy of the Forest Service that permit holders must acquire water rights in the name of the United States for water diverted from and used on NFS lands pursuant to special use authorizations in furtherance of the Agency's congressionally mandated multiple-use objectives through the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act (MUSYA) of 1960, which include range, watershed, timber, fish and wildlife, and outdoor recreation. The reason for this policy is straightforward: Congress has directed the Agency to manage National Forests