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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notices by the Malheur National Forest, Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of newspapers of record.

**SUMMARY:** This notice updates the newspapers that will be used by the Malheur National Forest of the Pacific Northwest Region to publish legal notices required under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The newspaper of record for Malheur National Forest Supervisor, Blue Mountain District Ranger, and Prairie City District Ranger decisions will be changed from the *Blue Mountain Eagle* to the *East Oregonian*. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspaper the Forest Service will use to publish notices of proposed actions and notices of decision. This will provide the public with constructive notice of Forest Service proposals and decisions, provide information on the procedures to comment, object or appeal, and establish the date that the Forest Service will use to determine if comments or appeals/objections were timely.

**DATES:** The list of newspapers will remain in effect for one year from the date of publication, when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Sasha Bertel, Regional Environmental Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Region, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Montgomery, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Malheur National Forest, by email at [laurie.montgomery@usda.gov](mailto:laurie.montgomery@usda.gov) or by phone at 541–820–3800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The administrative procedures at 36 CFR 214, 218, and 219 require the Forest Service to publish notices in a newspaper of general circulation. The content of the notices is specified in 36 CFR 214, 218, and 219. In general, the notices will identify the decision or

project, by title or subject matter; the name and title of the official making the decision; how to obtain additional information; and where and how to file comments or appeals/objections. The date the notice is published will be used to establish the official date for the beginning of the comment or appeal/objection period. The newspapers to be used are as follows:

#### Malheur National Forest

Malheur National Forest Supervisor, Blue Mountain District Ranger, and Prairie City District Ranger decisions: *East Oregonian*.

Emigrant Creek District Ranger decisions: *Burns Times Herald*.

Dated: August 13, 2024.

**Jacqueline Emanuel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID NRCS–2024–0014]

#### Request for Public Input About Implementation of the Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions Act

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) requests public input for USDA to use all available tools to support climate-smart agriculture and forestry and advance conservation priorities on working lands. The Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions Act of 2021 (the SUSTAINS Act) was signed into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The SUSTAINS Act expands USDA's authority to accept contributions of private funds to support existing conservation programs and provides additional guidelines for those contributions. Specifically, the SUSTAINS Act provides an opportunity for the private sector to partner with USDA in engaging farmers and ranchers in conservation initiatives, including expanding conservation practices to sequester carbon, improve wildlife habitat, protect sources of drinking water, and address other natural resource priorities.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by September 16, 2024.

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

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to send comments in response to this notice. You may send comments through the method below:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRCS–2024–0014. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and will be publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Bertelson, telephone: (253) 778–2409; email: [Lisa.Bertelson@usda.gov](mailto:Lisa.Bertelson@usda.gov).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

In Title I of Division HH of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117–328), section 202, (the SUSTAINS Act amended section 1241(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(f))). The SUSTAINS Act authorized NRCS to accept contributions of non-Federal funds (contribution account authority) to support a range of covered existing conservation programs, as detailed below.

The original authority for the contribution account was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and included all programs authorized under subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 except the Conservation Reserve Program. Due to changes under the Agricultural Act of 2014, the authority of the contribution account became limited to supporting only the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program. The SUSTAINS Act expanded the authority to include other conservation programs, including:

- the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program;
- the Regional Conservation Partnership Program;
- the Emergency Watersheds Protection Program;
- the Healthy Forests Reserve Program; and

- the Watersheds Protection and Flood Prevention Act programs (excluding the Watershed Rehabilitation Program).

Both new and existing covered programs assist agricultural producers, landowners, and others with addressing natural resource concerns. The SUSTAINS Act also made changes to the administration of contributed funds, which allows NRCS the option to match contributions with program funds and permits contributors to designate funds for use in a specific program or geographic area. In addition, the SUSTAINS Act includes provisions that allow contributing entities to prescribe the terms for owning the entity's share of environmental service benefits that result from funded activities, subject to the approval of the Secretary. In implementing the SUSTAINS Act, NRCS is interested in improving program delivery by effectively dedicating the additional funds to increase outreach and expand access to underserved producers.

NRCS is requesting comments and recommendations from the public to determine how to best allocate private funds to target specific natural resource concerns associated with agricultural production. NRCS will consider the comments provided in response to this request when determining the next steps for implementing the SUSTAINS Act, which could include a proposed rule.

#### List of Questions for Commenters

The following list of questions is not exhaustive and serves only to assist members of the public in formulating comments on some of the most important issues that NRCS is considering. Members may provide feedback about the SUSTAINS Act that is outside the parameters of the provided questions. The questions are not intended to restrict or limit feedback that members of the public may provide.

#### Program Prioritization and Initial Implementation

1. Should USDA actively solicit the contribution of funds, and if so, how?
2. The SUSTAINS Act identifies several objectives that can be addressed through this provision (such as changing climate, sequestering carbon, improving wildlife habitat, protecting sources of drinking water, and addressing other natural resource priorities identified by the Secretary). Should USDA initially prioritize requesting contributions for specific natural resource priorities? If so, which natural resource priorities?
3. Should USDA initially launch a pilot program to use contributed funds?

If so, what might that pilot program look like?

4. Are there certain covered programs that USDA should dedicate contributions or pilot the program first?

#### Program Administration

1. The SUSTAINS Act provides criteria that the Secretary should consider when determining whether to accept private funds, such as the source of funds; any natural resource concerns to be addressed; consistency with the Secretary's priorities; and "other factors determined by the Secretary to be relevant" (16 U.S.C. 3841(f)(3)). What other criteria or issues should the Secretary consider in determining whether to accept a contribution of private funds?

2. What processes should USDA establish to document contributions?

3. How should USDA ensure that there is no conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety associated with accepting funds from certain sources?

#### Environmental Benefit Accounting

1. How should the environmental service benefits generated through the SUSTAINS Act be defined? Specifically, what type of parameters would need to be in place?

2. Should the environmental service benefits be consistently quantified, and if so, by which methods or protocols?

3. Would you be interested in supporting NRCS conservation programs as a contributing entity through the SUSTAINS Act? If yes, would you also want to acquire environmental credits through the projects you support? If so, what type of credits (for example, carbon credits, water quality credits, etc.)?

#### Interest and Participation

1. What steps should USDA take to address any potential barriers to producer participation? What steps should USDA take to address challenges that a private entity may face when considering contributing funds?

2. What steps should USDA take to make this program attractive to both producers and potential contributing entities?

3. What type of protections should USDA adopt to ensure that producers receiving contributed funds are treated equitably to other conservation program applicants and participants that do not receive contributed funds?

4. What mechanisms should USDA adopt to ensure that producers who receive contributed funds are sufficiently aware of the conditions for those funds?

5. How should potential contributing entities best use this program to meet their goals? What might potential outcomes be?

6. When evaluating options for implementing the SUSTAINS Act, how should USDA ensure the program is equitable and beneficial to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities, while still advancing maximum conservation benefits?

#### Maximizing the Value of Public Feedback

NRCS plans to use the answers provided by the public to inform its approach to delivering the funds contributed under and covered by the SUSTAINS Act. NRCS encourages public comment on these questions and requests any additional information that commenters believe is relevant. NRCS is particularly interested in feedback that identifies specific data, policies, procedures, or processes and includes actionable information, data, or viable alternatives that would assist in implementing programmatic goals and requirements. You may contact us by sending an email to: [NRCS.SUSTAINS.Input@usda.gov](mailto:NRCS.SUSTAINS.Input@usda.gov) if you have questions or concerns. Please specify the Docket ID: NRCS-2024-0014 in the subject line.

#### Review of Public Feedback

NRCS will use the input from the public comments to improve our program delivery for any funds made available.

This document is issued solely for informational and program-planning purposes. Public comments provided in response to this document will not bind NRCS to any further actions, including publication of any formal response or agreement to initiate a recommended change. NRCS will consider the feedback in the public comments and make changes or consider improvements at our sole discretion.

Finally, comments submitted in response to this document will not be considered as petitions for rulemaking as specified in the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)).

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Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Order Denying Export Privileges; In the Matter of: Kenan L'Homme, 67 Chastain Circle, Newman, GA 30263

On November 28, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Kenan L'Homme ("L'Homme") was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 554(a). Specifically, L'Homme pleaded guilty to willfully and knowingly attempting to export from the United States the following eleven (11) items: one (1) Smith & Wesson model M&P pistol; one (1) CZ P-10F pistol; one (1) Taurus revolver; one (1) Glock

model 26 pistol; one (1) Glock model 43 pistol; one (1) Glock model 30s pistol; one (1) Anderson AR-15 lower unit; one (1) Aero Precision AR-15 lower unit; and three (3) Glock model 23s pistols. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced him to 36 months in prison, and a \$200 special assessment.

Pursuant to Section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act ("ECRA"),<sup>1</sup> the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to 18 U.S.C. 554(a), may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. 50 U.S.C. 4819(e). In addition, any Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") licenses or other authorizations issued under ECRA, in which the person had an interest at the time of the conviction, may be revoked. *Id.*

BIS received notice of L'Homme's conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. 554(a). As provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR" or the "Regulations"), BIS provided notice and opportunity for L'Homme to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from L'Homme.

Based upon my review of the record and consultations with BIS's Office of Exporter Services, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny L'Homme's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 6 years from the date of L'Homme's conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which L'Homme had an interest at the time of his conviction.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, it is hereby *Ordered*: *First*, from the date of this Order until November 28, 2028, Kenan L'Homme, with a last known address of: 67 Chastain Circle, Newman, GA 30263, and when acting for or on his behalf, his successors, assigns, employees, agents or representatives ("the Denied Person"), may not directly or indirectly participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the

<sup>1</sup> ECRA was enacted on August 13, 2018, as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and as amended is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801-4852.

<sup>2</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730-774 (2024).

<sup>3</sup> The Director, Office of Export Enforcement, is the authorizing official for issuance of denial orders pursuant to amendments to the Regulations (85 FR 73411, November 18, 2020).

Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, license exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or engaging in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or from any other activity subject to the Regulations.

*Second*, no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to or on behalf of the Denied Person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the Denied Person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the Denied Person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the Denied Person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from the Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

*Third*, pursuant to section 1760(e) of ECRA and sections 766.23 and 766.25 of the Regulations, any other person, firm,