

# Notices

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## JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC, at the Office of Professional Responsibility on January 8 and 9, 2004.

**DATES:** Thursday, January 8, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 9, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, East Tower, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-694-1858.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, East Tower, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC, on Thursday, January 8, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 9, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 2003 Pension (EA-2A) Joint Board Examination in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for

inclusion on the syllabus for the Joint Board's examination program for the May 2004 Basic (EA-1) Examination and the May 2004 Pension (EA-2B) Examination will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the November 2003 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1 p.m. on January 9 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 p.m. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements should notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than December 31, 2003, to 202-694-1876, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director SE:OPR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

**Patrick W. McDonough,**  
Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Shawnee National Forest, Illinois: Hiker/Equestrian Trails Designation Project (Phase 1)

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service Shawnee National Forest intends to prepare an environmental impact statement to disclose the environmental consequences of designating additional miles of National Forest hiker/equestrian system trails within four watersheds on the Forest—Lusk Creek, Upper Bay Creek, Eagle Creek, and Big Grand Pierre Creek—and restricting equestrian use within these watersheds to the system trails.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by January 30, 2004. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be published in May, 2004 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in September, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Matt Lechner, NEPA Coordinator, Attention: Trails Designation, Shawnee National Forest, 50 Highway 145 South, Harrisburg, IL 62946. Send comments electronically to: [mailroom\\_r9\\_shawnee@fs.fed.us](mailto:mailroom_r9_shawnee@fs.fed.us); indicate "Trail Designation" on the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Pohlman, Recreation Program Manager, or Richard Blume-Weaver, Planning Staff Officer, at (618) 253-7114, 1-800-MYWOODS, or e-mail [tpohlman@fs.fed.us](mailto:tpohlman@fs.fed.us) with a copy to [rblume-weaver@fs.fed.us](mailto:rblume-weaver@fs.fed.us).

Maps of the trails proposed for designation are available for review at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 50 Highway 145 South, Harrisburg, Illinois; the Vienna-Elizabethtown Ranger District Station, 602 N. 1st St., Vienna, and the Elizabethtown Work Center, Elizabethtown, Illinois; the Jonesboro-Murphysboro Ranger District Station, 521 N. Main St., Jonesboro, and the Murphysboro Work Center, 2221 Walnut, Murphysboro, Illinois; the public libraries in Benton, Carbondale, Golconda, Harrisburg, Jonesboro,