

by email, postal mail, or web-form. Public Information to the public was provided by a dedicated forest plan revision Web page and through mailings, flyers, news releases, Twitter, and radio interviews. Any comments related to the Carson NF's assessment report that are received following the publication of this Notice may be considered in the draft and final environmental impact statements.

Scoping Process

Written comments received in response to this Notice will be analyzed to complete the identification of the needs for change to the existing plan, further develop the proposed action, and identify potential significant issues. Significant issues will, in turn, form the basis for developing alternatives to the proposed action. Comments on the Needs to Change the Forest Plan and Proposed Action will be most valuable if received by November 20, 2015, and should clearly articulate the reviewer's issues and concerns. Comments received in response to this Notice, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered in the NEPA process; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents. See the below Objection Process description, particularly the requirements for filing an objection, on how anonymous comments are handled during the objection process. Refer to the Carson NF's Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan for information on when public meetings will be scheduled for refining the Proposed Action and identifying possible alternatives to the Proposed Action.

Applicable Planning Rule

Preparation of the revised forest plan for the Carson NF began with the assessment of the conditions and trends of the Forest's ecological, social, and economic resources, initiated under the planning procedures contained in the 2012 Forest Service planning rule (36 CFR 219 (2012)).

Permits or Licenses Required To Implement the Proposed Action

No permits or licenses are needed for the development or revision of a forest plan.

Proposed Decisions Are Subject To Objection

The proposed decision to approve the revised forest plan for the Carson NF will be subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR part 219 Subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). According to 36 CFR 219.53(a), those who may file an objection are individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to plan revision, during the opportunities provided for public comment throughout the planning process.

Documents Available for Review

The (1) Assessment Report of Ecological, Social, and Economic Conditions, Trends, and Sustainability for the Carson National Forest and (2) Carson National Forest's Needs to Change Management Direction of Its Existing 1986 Forest Plan, as well as summaries of the public meetings and public meeting materials, and public comments are posted on the Carson NF's Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan>. As necessary or appropriate, the material available on this site will be further adjusted as part of the planning process using the provisions of the 2012 planning rule.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1600–1614; 36 CFR part 219 [77 FR 21260–21273].

Responsible Official

The responsible official for revision of the Carson NF's forest plan is Forest Supervisor James Duran, Carson National Forest, 208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Dated: September 29, 2015.

James Duran,
Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 1, 2015.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 6, 2015 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: National Woodland Owner Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0078.

Summary of Collection: The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93–278 Sec. 3) and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 307 Sec. 3) are the legal authorities for conducting the National Woodland Owner Survey. The National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) collects information to help answer questions related to the characteristics of the landholdings and landowners, ownership objectives, the supply of timber and non-timber products, forest management practices, climate change, wildfires, invasive species, and delivery of the concerns/constraints perceived by the landowners.

Need and Use of the Information: The NWOS will utilize a mixed-mode survey technique involving cognitive interviews, focus groups, self-

administered questionnaires, and telephone interviews. The Forest Service (FS) will use several, interrelated forms: Long, short, state-specific, science modules, corporate, public and urban versions to collect information. Data collected will help FS to determine the opportunities and constraints that private woodland owners typically face; and facilitate planning and implementing forest policies and programs. If the information is not collected the knowledge and understanding of private woodland ownerships and their concerns and activities will be severely limited.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10,281.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (every 5 years).

Total Burden Hours: 4,452.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Re-establish the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) intends to re-establish the charter for the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary and to the Federal Interagency Partnership on how the Partnership can best fulfill its duties pursuant to Executive Order 13057 to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational, and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe Region. The Secretary has determined that the work of the Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. Therefore, the Secretary continuously seeks nominations to fill vacancies on the Committee. Additional information concerning the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lfbmu/LTFAC>.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before November 23, 2015.

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 Form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contact person or from the following Web site: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755_Master_2012_508%20Ver.pdf. The packages must be sent to the addresses below.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations and applications to Lynn Wright, Acting Partnership/FACA Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Wright, Acting Partnership/FACA Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150, or by phone at 530-543-2627, or by email at hwright01@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunications devices or 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 the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of Agriculture intends to re-establish the Committee. The Committee will be a discretionary advisory committee. The Committee will operate under the provisions of FACA and will report to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Chief of the Forest Service.

The Committee provides a critical role in advising the Secretary of Agriculture and the Lake Tahoe Federal Interagency Partnership on coordinating federal programs to achieve the goals of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.

Advisory Council Organization

The Committee charter and membership is renewed every two years. The members will represent a broad array of interests in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Council will be comprised of not more than 20 members. Two representatives will be selected as members-at-large, and one representative will be selected from each of the following sectors:

2. Environmental
3. National Environmental
4. Ski resorts
5. North Shore economic/recreation
6. South Shore economic/recreation
7. Resort associations
8. Education
9. Property rights advocates
10. Science and Research
11. California local government
12. Nevada local government
13. Washoe Tribe
14. State of California
15. State of Nevada
16. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
17. Labor
18. Transportation

Of these members, one will become the Chairperson who is recognized for their ability to lead a group in a fair and focused manner and who has been briefed on the mission of this Committee. The Committee meets twice a year, but may meet as often as necessary to complete its business. 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 vacancies on the Committee. Individuals may also nominate themselves. To be considered for membership, nominees must provide:

1. Resume describing qualifications for membership to the Committee;
2. Cover letter with a rationale for serving on the Committee and what they can contribute;
3. Show their past experience in working successfully as part of a coordinating group;
4. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information; and
5. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

All nominations will be vetted by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). A list of qualified applicants from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint to the Committee will be prepared. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations priority mail via United States Post Office 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 Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendation of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership should

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