

decision regarding the request for confidentiality. If the requester is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within seven days.

**Permits/Authorizations:** The proposed action may create temporary openings greater than 40 acres. A 60-day public notice and review by the Regional Forester would be needed for such action.

**Responsible Official:** Constance Chaney, LaCroix District Ranger, Superior National Forest, is the responsible official. In making the decision, the responsible official will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The responsible official will state the rationale for the chosen alternative in the Record of Decision.

Dated: May 29, 2001.

**Constance Chaney,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meeting will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Monday, June 18, 2001. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center located on 400 West Virginia Street in Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA,

and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. The tentative agenda will focus developing standards and guidelines for management of the SRA and discussion of public involvement strategies.

The public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the June 18 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: June 1, 2001.

**Y. Robert Iwamoto,**

*Deputy Forest Supervisor.*

**Disclaimer:** This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to lack of time to adequately plan the meeting between the councils last meeting on May 5 and this upcoming meeting on Monday, June 18. This late notice is authorized under 41 CFR 1016.1015(b)(2).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maine State Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the Maine State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) located at [www.me.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.me.nrcs.usda.gov) under "Draft Standards for Comments" for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS to issue revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These revised standards are the following: 327

Conservation Cover; 330 Contour Farming; 340 Cover & Green Manure Crop; 324 Deep Tillage; 380 Farmstead & Feedlot Windbreak; 394 Firebreak; 511 Forage Harvest Management; 666 Forest Stand Improvement; 655 Forest Harvest Trails and Landings; 412 Grassed Waterway or Outlet; 561 Heavy Use Area Protection; 441 Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 590 Nutrient Management; 595 Pest Management; 516 Pipeline; 521A Pond Sealing or Lining Flexible Membrane Lining; 338 Prescribed Burning; 391 Riparian Forest Buffer; 490 Site for Woody Plant Establishment; 580 Streambank & Shoreline Protection; 395 Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; 585 Stripcropping, Contour; 612 Tree and Shrub Establishment; 660 Tree and Shrub Pruning; 620 Underground Outlet; 472 Use Exclusion; 313 Waste Storage Facility; 359 Waste Treatment Lagoon; 642 Water Well; 351 Well Decommissioning; 657 Wetland Restoration; 644 Wildlife Upland Habitat Management.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before July 9, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Christopher R. Jones, Assistant State Conservationist for Technology/Planning, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite #3; Bangor, Maine 04401.

A copy of this standard is available from the above individual.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

**Christopher R. Jones,**

*Assistant State Conservationist for Technology/Planning.*

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