

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the East Prong Little Pigeon River watershed, Sevier County, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, telephone (615) 277-2531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, James W. Ford, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

East Prong Little Pigeon River Watershed, Sevier County, TN; Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact

The project purpose is watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include best management practices to reduce streambank erosion and nutrient loading from livestock access to streams, and measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation from eroding pastureland. Federal financial assistance will be provided to accelerate financial and technical assistance for land treatment.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting James W. Ford.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: October 21, 2002.

James W. Ford,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Cane Creek Remedial Plan, Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to assess potential environmental impacts associated with proposed structural measures to control the widening and degradation of the channel of Cane Creek. The project sponsor is the Cane Creek Watershed District. The actions proposed in the Cane Creek Remedial Plan address the continuing degradation and widening of the channel of Cane Creek and its tributaries resulting from modification of the main channel in 1970. The sponsor's objective is to stabilize the main channel bottom and limit head-cutting of two major tributaries. Six alternatives to address the concerns were addressed in the Plan. The sponsor's preferred alternative includes installation of five low head riprap chutes in the main channel and one structure each in two large tributaries to Cane Creek. Benefits of the sponsor's preferred plan are the protection of five main channel bridges and two county bridges; four previously installed repair structures will also be protected. Approximately 84,000 cubic yards of sediment will be prevented from annually entering the Hatchie River. Ten acres of riparian forest and 9.2 acres of recreational fishing area will be created. No federally listed threatened or endangered species are known from the watershed.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Owen Electric Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact with respect to a request from Owen Electric Cooperative for financing assistance from RUS to finance the construction of a new headquarters facility in Owen County, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Owen Electric Cooperative proposes to construct a new headquarters facility in Owen County, Kentucky. The site of the new facility is located south of the unincorporated community of Bromley less than 1/2 mile south intersection of U.S. Highway 127 and State Route 35 on the western side to U.S. Highway 127. The new headquarters facility will be located on a 46-acre parcel of property. Approximately 13 acres of the property will be used for the facility. The facility will consist of a 31,900 square-foot, one story office building, a 27,900 square-foot service building, 95 employee and 35 visitor parking spaces, a pole storage yard, a metal utility building, a lattice radio tower, and a 175-kilowatt standby electric generator with a 500-gallon diesel fuel storage tank. Access to the facility will be via a paved driveway from U.S. Highway 127.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. William T. Prather of Owen Electric Cooperative, PO Box 400,