

the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

The Forest Service will inform the requester of the Agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and 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 90 days.

**Release and Review of the DEIS:** The DEISs are expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment in 2005. At that time, the EPA will publish a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 90 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of DEISs must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDS*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 90-day comment period so substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the DEIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>) for implementing the procedural provision of the National

Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: August 22, 2003.

**Randy Moore,**

*Regional Forester.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Acker Fire Salvage, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** On June 24, 2003, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Acker Fire Salvage on the Tiller Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 37451). Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions maybe addressed to Alan Baumann, Timber Management Assistant, Tiller Ranger District, 27812 Tiller Trail Highway, Tiller, OR 97484, telephone: 541-825-3201.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

**James A. Caplan,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### **Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Louisiana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Louisiana for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of the NRCS in Louisiana to issue revised conservation practice standards: Channel Vegetation (322), Deep Tillage (324), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Residue Management, No-Till (329A), Residue Management, Mulch-Till (329B), Residue Management, Ridge-Till (329C), Cover Crop (340), Critical Area

Planting (342), Closure of Waste Impoundments (360), Grassed Waterway (412), Irrigation System, Tail Water Recovery (447), Pasture and Hayland Planting (512), Pipeline (516), Prescribed Grazing (528A), Range Planting (550), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Animal Trails and Walkways (575), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Nutrient Management (590), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Watering Facility (614), Waste Utilization (633), Wetland Restoration (657), Wetland Creation (658).

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before October 20, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquire in writing to Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture 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 in Louisiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Louisiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

**Donald W. Gohmert,**

*State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.