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Associate Deputy Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wasatch-Cache National Forest; Utah; Ogden Travel Plan Revision

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement to the Ogden Travel Plan Revision.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Ogden Travel Plan Revision Final Environment Impact Statement (FEIS). The Ogden Travel Plan Revision FEIS evaluated six alternatives for possible travel management of motorized trails and roads.

DATES: Scoping will not be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in December 2006 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in March 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Chip Sibbersen, Ogden District Ranger, 507 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chip Sibbersen, District Ranger, (801) 625-5112, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25th Street, Ogden, Utah, 84401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

On March 20, 2006, District Ranger Chip Sibbersen made a decision designating routes open for motorized travel use, seasonal and other closures, development of two gravel sources, improvements to two concentrated use areas, and new trail construction on the Ogden Ranger District. The decision also allowed limited use of motor vehicles within 150 feet of designated roads to access dispersed camping sites.

The Record of Decision was appealed by four separate parties. Upon review the Appeal Deciding Officer Forest Supervisor Faye Krueger reversed the decision made by Ranger Chip Sibbersen. The ruling was based on her finding that the environmental analysis and supporting information in the project record were not adequate to support the decision in regard to cumulative effects analysis. The SEIS

will be limited in its scope and focus on cumulative environmental impacts directly related to the decision made in March 2006.

Responsible Official

Chip Sibbersen, Ogden District Ranger, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25th Street, Ogden, Utah, 84401.

Dated: July 18, 2006.

Chip Sibbersen,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Record of Decision for the Little Red River Irrigation Project Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: This notice presents the Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) implementation for a Water Management Project located in White County, Arkansas, that provides agricultural water for irrigation, and the enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat. NRCS prepared a Final Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) in cooperation with the Little Red River Regional Irrigation Water District. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Little Red River Irrigation Project FPEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 2006, and all agencies and persons on the FPEIS distribution list were notified individually as well. Printed and CD-ROM versions of the FPEIS were made available and delivered to all those who requested. This Decision Notice summarizes the environmental, social, and economic impacts of the Little Red River Irrigation Project alternatives identified in the FPEIS that were considered in making this decision, and explains why NRCS selected the Preferred Alternative—Conservation/Surface Source Alternative—Canals and Pipelines (Alternative 4) for providing supplemental irrigation water and better utilizing the existing water resources while improving the overall environmental quality of the project area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kalven Trice, USDA/NRCS Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201,

(501) 301-3100 or e-mail: Kalven.Trice@ar.usda.gov.

Record of Decision—Little Red River Irrigation Project; White County, Arkansas

1. *Purpose*—As state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, I am the Responsible Federal Official for all Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in Arkansas.

The recommended plan for the Little Red River Irrigation Project involves works of improvement to be installed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This project includes the installation of a pumping station, 38 miles of canal, 41 miles of pipeline, and associated land treatment practices, such as tailwater recovery systems, irrigation storage reservoirs, pumping plants, irrigation pipelines and water control structures.

The Little Red River Irrigation Project plan was prepared as a program neutral plan by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in cooperation with the Little Red River Regional Irrigation Water District. A scoping meeting, held on August 15, 2002, established the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, as lead agency, with the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as contributing agencies.

2. Measures taken to comply with national environmental policies—The Little Red River Irrigation project has been planned in accordance with existing Federal legislation concerned with the preservation of environmental values. The following actions were taken to ensure that the Little Red River Irrigation Project plan is consistent with national goals and policies.

A preliminary environmental evaluation was completed by an interdisciplinary team under the direction of NRCS in 2002 before the scoping meeting. It concluded that significant impacts on the human environment might occur because of the complexity and public interest of the proposed action. As RFO, I directed that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) be prepared.

The interdisciplinary environmental evaluation of the Little Red River Irrigation project was conducted by NRCS with the assistance of the NRCS National Water Management Center, and with input from the contributing agencies. The interdisciplinary team included engineers, biologists,