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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Boise, ID, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Marcy 19, 2003 in Boise, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on March 19, begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building (ICRMP), 3100 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Swick, Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-0401.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Mark J. Madrid,

Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section 1 of the Iowa State Technical Guide

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Iowa NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Iowa that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in Section 4 Practice Standards and Specifications, Conservation Cover (327) and Critical Area Planting (342) to account for improved technology. These practice standards can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before March 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 210 Walnut Street, 693 Federal Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; at 515/284-4260; fax 515/284-4394.

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 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: February 7, 2003.

Leroy Brown,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Rural Rental and Cooperative Housing Loan Policies, Procedures, and Authorizations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 28, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas H. MacDowell, Senior Loan Specialist, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0781, Washington, DC 20250-0781, Telephone (202) 720-1604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Rental and Cooperative Housing Loan Policies, Procedures, and Authorizations.

OMB Number: 0575-0047.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is authorized to make loans to finance rural rental housing (RRH) and rural cooperative housing (RCH) complexes and related facilities under Sections 515 and 521 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended. The RRH and RCH programs provide affordable rental and cooperative housing for elderly or disabled persons and families, and other persons and families of low or moderate income in rural areas.

RHS is responsible for ensuring that these Federally funded loans are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes. The information collected is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the feasibility of the proposed housing. If not collected, the Agency would be providing unauthorized Federal assistance.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6.9 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals, trusts, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, State or local public agencies, consumer cooperatives, and profit or nonprofit corporations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 623.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 35,088.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Givelekian, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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 or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Givelekian, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 22, 2003.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1267]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 219, Yuma, AZ

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u),

the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 219, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 219 to include a site at the Yuma Commerce Center (95 acres) in Yuma, Arizona, within the San Luis Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 32-2002; filed 8/14/02);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 54168, 8/21/02) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 219 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of February 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 9-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 148—Knoxville, Tennessee, Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Industrial Development Board of Blount County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 148, requesting authority to expand FTZ 148, in the Knoxville, Tennessee, area, adjacent to the Knoxville Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on February 6, 2003.

FTZ 148 was approved on June 28, 1988 (Board Order 384, 53 FR 26095, 7/11/88). The zone project currently consists of the following sites: *Site 1* (45.6 acres)—within the Bill Mullins Warehouse Park, Prosser Road,

Knoxville; *Site 2* (4.5 acres)—Blount County Industrial Park, some five miles south of McGhee Tyson Airport, Maryville; *Site 2A* (27,000 sq. ft)—McGhee Tyson Airport, some 3 miles north of Site 2, Alcoa; and, *Site 3* (6.5 acres)—Valley Industrial Park, State Route 62, Oak Ridge.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site (54 acres) in Crossville: *Proposed Site 4* (54 acres)—within the CoLinX warehousing facilities, 1536 Genesis Road, Crossville. The site is owned by the Industrial Development Board of Cumberland County and the City of Crossville. It will be operated by CoLinX LLC, a logistics services provider. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the addresses below:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099-14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is April 28, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 13, 2003).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the Office of the U.S. Customs Service, Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, Room 435, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: February 6, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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