

ACTION: Cancellation of an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On February 25, 1992, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Two Forks Timber Sales and Other Projects on the Chetco Range District of the Siskiyou National Forest was published in the **Federal Register** (57 FR 6490). A Notice of Availability for the draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 1992 (57 FR 21792). After an extension of the comment period on the draft EIS, the comment period ended July 20, 1992. Forest Service has decided to cancel the environmental analysis process. An EIS was being prepared because timber harvest was proposed in an inventoried roadless area. This area was designated as Late-Successional Reserve under the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. Timber harvest is no longer planned in this area at this time. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this cancellation to Bill Blackwell, Resource Planner, Gold Beach Ranger District, 29279 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. (541) 247-3600.

Dated: April 13, 1998.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Posting of Stockyards

Pursuant to the authority provided under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), it was ascertained that the livestock market named below is a stockyard as defined by Section 302 (a). Notice was given to the stockyard owner and to the public as required by Section 302 (b), by posting notice at the stockyard on the date specified below, that the stockyard is subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Facility No., name and location of stockyard	Date of posting
AL-191, M & H Horse Sales, Russellville, Alabama.	March 28, 1998.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of April 1998.

Daniel L. Van Ackeren,

Director, Livestock Marketing Division, Packers and Stockyards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Farm Service Agency

Inviting Preapplications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$1.7 million in competing Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 1998. This action will comply with legislation which authorizes grants for establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit preapplications for FY 1998 and award grants before September 1, 1998.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of a preapplication is June 15, 1998. Preapplications received after that date will not be considered for FY 1998 funding.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact their USDA Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Haskell, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3250, Room 4016, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. Telephone (202) 720-8460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Technology and Cooperative Development Grants (RTCDG) program is authorized by section 310B(f) through (h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) and regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) removed "technology" from RTCDG, thereby directing the focus of the program specifically to cooperative development.

The 1996 Act also clarified that public bodies were not eligible applicants, and modified application requirements and applicant selection criteria. The final rule for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program was published August 7, 1997 (62 FR 42385-91). The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices acting on behalf of RBS. RBS is one of the successors of the Rural Development Administration pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria. The priorities described in this paragraph will be used by RBS to rate preapplications. RBS review of preapplications will include the complete preapplication package submitted to the Rural Development State Office. Points will be distributed according to ranking as compared with other preapplications on hand. Points will be awarded to each factor on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis depending on the applicant's ranking compared to other applicants.

(a) Preference will be given to applications that:

(1) Demonstrate a proven track record in administering a nationally coordinated, regionally or State-wide operated project;

(2) Demonstrate previous expertise in providing technical assistance to cooperatives in rural areas;

(3) Demonstrate the ability to assist in the retention of business, facilitate the establishment of cooperatives and new cooperative approaches, and generate employment opportunities that will improve the economic conditions of rural areas;

(4) Demonstrate the ability to create horizontal linkages among cooperative businesses within and among various sectors in rural areas of the United States and vertical linkages to domestic and international markets;

(5) Commit to providing technical assistance and other services to underserved and economically distressed rural areas of the United States;

(6) Commit to providing greater than a 25 percent matching contribution with private funds and in-kind contributions;

(7) Evidence transferability or demonstration value to assist rural areas outside of project area; and