

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 36 CFR sub-parts 216.6 and 251.57.

DATES: Written comments should be received by August 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments pertaining to the proposed fee schedule should be sent to Rich Goossens, Regional Appraiser, Public Services Staff, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA Forest Service is required to levy and collect fees from permits authorizing uses. Typically, fees are based upon fair market value (fair market rent) or other sound business practices, which more often than not involve an appraisal. An appraisal would take into consideration the rights that are granted as well as what others are paying in the private sector.

The National Forests in Alaska administer over 1,000 Special Use Permits (SUP) which may fall in as many as many as fifty categories. It would be preferable to conduct site specific appraisals on a frequent basis to ensure that the public is receiving fair rent for these uses. However, with the vastness of Alaska, the scattered nature of these uses and the prohibitive cost of conducting site specific appraisals, it is deemed nearly impossible to complete that task under the strict narrative appraisal guidelines. However, another option utilized elsewhere which has demonstrated efficiency, diminished cost, ease of application and incorporates the sound business premise, is the development of a fee schedule based upon a market survey.

A market survey was conducted, and concluded that fees should be mid-range to the low end of the fee spectrum, as seen in the private sector. In some instances the rents for these uses will increase and in other cases they will go down. By using a fee schedule a significant amount of time and effort by both the agency and the permittee will be saved in administration, and fees will be predictable for first-time permittees.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Phil Janik,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Filed Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Louisiana

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of the NRCS in Louisiana to issue revised conservation practice standards: Prescribed Grazing (Code 528A), Brush Management (Code 314), Fence (Code 382), Pipeline (Code 516), and Trough or Tank (Code 614), in Section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire a 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 of 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: June 5, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice to Recipients of Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action," Under the Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice provides information to all applicants for the Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program who have received Form AD-622, "Notice of Preapplication Review Action," inviting a formal loan application. The intent of this Notice is to inform such recipients that the Agency intends to keep their application as an active proposal until the Agency publishes final regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia L. Reese-Foxworth, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, USDA, Stop 0781, Washington, DC, 20250, telephone (202) 720-1940 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

The Rural Rental Housing Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.415, Rural Rental Housing Loans.

Discussion of Notice

The Rural Housing Service (RHS), formerly Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCDS), a successor Agency to the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), amended its regulations for the Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Program to implement legislative reforms mandated by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997, Public Law 104-180, enacted August 6, 1996. On May 7, 1997, the Agency published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 25062) an interim final rule with request for comments entitled, "Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Assistance." Additionally, the Agency published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 28982) of its intent to conduct a Public Hearing on June 11, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in room 107-A of the Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

The "Implementation Proposal" section of the preamble of the interim final rule stated that loan requests that have been issued an AD-622 inviting a