

FmHA, USDA, Room 5337, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 382-1660 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 7 CFR Part 1944, Subpart N provides details on what information must be contained in the preapplication package. See 51 FR 17443. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the FmHA State Office to receive further information and copies of the application package. Eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants include state and local governments, nonprofit corporations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia of eligible entities.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.433-Housing Preservation Grants. This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V; 49 FR 29112, June 24, 1983). Applicants are also referred to 7 CFR 1944.674 and 1944.676 (d) and (e) for specific guidance on these requirements relative to the HPG program.

The funding instrument for the Housing Preservation Grant program will be a grant agreement. The term of the grantee can vary from 1 to 2 years, depending on available funds and demand. No maximum or minimum grant levels have been set, although, based on FY 1986 and 1987 experience, the Agency anticipates that the average grant will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000 for a one-year proposal. For FY 1988, \$19,140,000 is available and has been distributed under a formula allocation to States pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1940, Subpart L, Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Funds.

Applications will be reviewed and rated on the project selection criteria contained in the regulations for the program.

Decisions on funding will be based on the preapplications; and, notices of action on the preapplications should be made within 60 days of the closing date.

Authority: (42 U.S.C. 1480, 7 CFR 2.23, 7 CFR 2.70.

Date: January 20, 1988.

Vance L. Clark,
Administrator, Farmers Home
Administration.

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Redelegation of Authority To Approve Debt Settlements and Releases of Liability in Connection With Voluntary Liquidations

AGENCY: Farmers Home Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) gives notice that on September 25, 1987, the Administrator redelegated certain authorities to all State Directors dealing with the settlement of and/or release of liability to FmHA debts, owed by borrowers, who make application to settle their FmHA debts or request release of liability together with a voluntary liquidation of loan security. The redelegation authority granted on September 25, 1987, expired on December 31, 1987 and the Administrator now gives notice to extend that redelegation through September 30, 1988. This action is taken to expedite the processing of debt settlement applications/requests, to provide debt relief to borrowers leaving farming, who are unable to repay all of their FmHA debt. The effect of the extension of the redelegation of the Administrator's authority, is the continued expediting of the administrative review process for debt settlements and releases of liability, permitting more timely debt relief to FmHA borrowers, and correspondingly reduce the Agency's portfolio of inactive accounts.

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 25, 1987, through September 30, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darrow E. Strain, Farmer Programs Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, Direct Loans and Property Management Branch, FmHA, USDA, Room 5445, South Agriculture Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 475-6293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Programs Affected

These changes affect the following FmHA programs as listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 10.404—Emergency Loans, 10.406—Farm Operation Loans, 10.407—Farm Ownership Loans, 10.410—Low Income Housing Loans, 10.416—Soil and Water Loans, 10.417—Very Low Income Housing Repair Loans and Grants and 10.428—Economic Emergency Loans.

Notice

The notice of the delegation of authority for approving debt settlement/release of liability cases reads as follows:

This extends the authority given under the unnumbered memorandum dated September 25, 1987, entitled "Delegation of Authority for Approving Debt Settlement/Release of Liability Cases."

Pursuant to authority delegated to me as Administrator, Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), I hereby redelegate to State Directors authority to approve the following:

1. Debt settlement cases in accordance with § 1956.58(a)(3) of FmHA Instruction 1956-B "Debt Settlement-Farmer Programs and Single Family Housing," (revised 7-29-87, PN 59).

2. Releases of liability in accordance with § 1955.10(f)(2), and 1955.20(b)(2) of FmHA Instruction 1955-A, "Liquidation of Loans Secured by Real Estate and Acquisition of Real and Chattel Property."

3. Releases of Liability in accordance with § 1962.34(h) of FmHA Instruction 1962-A, "Servicing and Liquidation of Chattel Security," and §§ 1965.26(f)(5)(ii) and 1965.27(f) of FmHA Instruction 1965-A, "Servicing of Real Estate Security For Farmer Programs Loans and Certain Note-only Cases."

This authority DOES NOT extend to debt settlement of Non-Program (NP) loans, Economic Opportunity (EO) loans and claims against third party converters. These should be prepared and submitted in accordance with FmHA AN No. 1710(1956) dated December 30, 1987.

This extension of the redelegation shall be effective through September 30, 1988, unless revoked or otherwise modified, in writing.

Date: January 20, 1988.

Vance L. Clark,
Administrator, Farmers Home
Administration.

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Forest Service

Saline Bayou National Wild and Scenic River Classification and Boundary Delineation for Saline Bayou, Natchitoches and Winn Parishes, LA; Availability

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of the boundaries and classification of Saline

Bayou, Louisiana; Natchitoches and Winn Parishes, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: Public Law 99-590, containing amendments to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act which were enacted by Congress and signed into law on October 30, 1986, designated Saline Bayou from Saline Lake to the Kisatchie National Forest boundary as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. The USDA Forest Service has classified Saline Bayou as scenic and has delineated the river corridor boundaries as required by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act as amended. Detailed boundaries establish the area that will be addressed in a comprehensive management plan for the river.

ADDRESSES: River boundaries have been prepared and are available for review at the following offices:

USDA Forest Service, Recreation, South Building, 12th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.
Southern Regional Office, 1720 Peachtree Road NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30367

Kisatchie National Forest, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, Louisiana 71360

Winn Ranger District, Winnfield, Louisiana 71483

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald Barnett, Forest Planner, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160.

John L. Rich,
Acting Regional Forester.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Reinstatement of Barley Production and Stocks Reports

Notice is hereby given that the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will reinstate July 1 and September 1 barley production estimates. Currently, only an August 1 production forecast is made. Also, barley stocks reports for September 1, December 1, and March 1 will be restored effective September 1, 1988. Since the June 1 stocks report is currently being published, this change will provide barley stocks reports for all four quarters to data users. These changes bring the barley estimating program to the level prior to the program reductions made in 1986.

Funding for increasing the barley production and stocks estimating

program was included in the 1988 appropriation for NASS.

Comments from interested persons regarding these changes should be addressed to Richard D. Allen, Deputy Administrator for Programs, NASS/USDA, Room 4133-S, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated: January 21, 1988.
Charles E. Caudill,
Administrator.
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Soil Conservation Service

Friendship Park Critical Area Treatment RC&D Measure, Allegany County, NY

AGENCY: Soil Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Soil Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Friendship Park Critical Area Treatment RC&D Measure, Allegany County, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul A. Dodd, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, James M. Hanley Federal Building, 100 S. Clinton Street, Room 771, Syracuse, New York 13260, telephone (315) 423-5521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Paul A. Dodd, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The measure concerns a plan to provide for stabilization of a degrading stream channel which is undermining a wall at the edge of a part in the Village of Friendship. The critical erosion, which occurs during high runoff events, threatens the continued existence of the park as well as an adjacent road bridge and village water and sewer lines. The integrity of the park, bridge, and adjacent utilities will be assured through the installation of project measures. The planned works of improvement include

the installation of three rock riprap sills and aprons across the stream channel, and seeding and mulching of all disturbed areas.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Paul A. Dodd.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.901—Resource Conservation and Development—and is subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and Local officials.)

Paul A. Dodd,
State Conservationist.

Date: January 11, 1988.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Short-Supply Review on Certain Semi-Finished Steel Slabs; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Import Administration/International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce hereby announces its review of a request for a short-supply determination under Article 8 of the U.S.-EC Arrangement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products, with respect to certain semi-finished steel slabs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be submitted no later than February 6, 1988.

ADDRESS: Send all comments to Nicholas C. Tolerico, Director, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7866, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard O. Weible, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, U.S. Department of