

briefing on ethical behavior for federal advisory committee members, an introduction to the agencies of the USDA's Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area, and information on the core functions of those agencies and the impact of the current budget status on their operations.

On Wednesday, October 24, 2012 the full Advisory Board will convene at 8:00 a.m. followed shortly thereafter with the appointment of a new Chair of the Advisory Board. The meeting will also include: brief introductions of new Board members, incumbents, and guests; the election of the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board; comments from a variety of distinguished leaders, experts, and departmental personnel; and items of board business. Specific items on the agenda will include a discussion related to the international programs related to the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area, and a discussion on the role of the Board in advising the Secretary of Agriculture, and Congress. The afternoon session will end by 5 p.m. An evening session will convene at 6 p.m. and include a vote for the fiscal year 2013 executive committee members of the Board. The meeting will adjourn for the day by 8 p.m.

On Thursday October 25, 2012, the Board will reconvene at 8 a.m. to: discuss initial recommendations resulting from the meeting and future planning for the Board; to organize the membership of the committees, and working groups of the Advisory Board; and to finalize Board business for the meeting. The Board Meeting will adjourn by 12 p.m. (noon).

This meeting is open to the public and any interested individuals wishing to attend.

Opportunity for public comment will be offered each day of the meeting. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Thursday, November 8, 2012). All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 17th day of September 2012.

Catherine Woteki,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for the Au Sable, Bear Creek, Manistee, and the Pine Wild and Scenic Rivers, Huron-Manistee National Forests; Alcona, Oscoda, Manistee, Lake, and Wexford Counties, MI

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Au Sable, Bear Creek, Manistee, and the Pine Wild and Scenic Rivers to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Kristen Thrall, Recreation Program Manager, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 South Mitchell, Cadillac, MI 49601, (231) 775-5023, ext. 8756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Au Sable, Bear Creek, Manistee, and the Pine Wild and Scenic Rivers boundaries are available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Office of the Chief, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20024; USDA Forest Service, Easter Region, Suite 400, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 533202 and; Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 South Mitchell, Cadillac, MI 49601. Detailed legal descriptions are available upon request.

The Michigan Scenic Rivers Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-249-March 3, 1992) designated Bear Creek, Manistee River, and Pine River, Michigan, as National Wild and Scenic Rivers, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. The 1984 Amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 98-444-October 4, 1984) designated the Au Sable River, Michigan, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundaries will not be effective until ninety days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

Barry Paulson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE-15, Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via email at jjessup@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to David H. Galler, Chief, Direct Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606-9835; fax: (202) 606-5318; or via email at david.galler@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States (Form BE-15) obtains sample data on the financial structure and operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign investors. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of foreign direct investment in the United States, assess its impact on the U.S. economy, and based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States. The data are used to derive annual estimates of the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign investors, including their balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity. In