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## ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### Notice of Meeting

*Summary:* Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Friday, September 13, 1996. The meeting will be held in Room M09 at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C., beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Section 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native American or Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Swearing in of New Member
- III. Report of the Task Force on the Council's Future
- IV. Report of the Task Force on the 30th Anniversary of the NHPA
- V. Report of the Task Force on Regulations
- VI. Presidential Historic Preservation Directives
- VII. Council Policy Statement on Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities
- VII. Executive Director's Report

### IX. New Business X. Adjourn

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, D.C., 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

For further information contact: Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., 809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: September 5, 1996.

Robert D. Bush,

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Water Rights Task Force

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; establishment of task force and initial meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the establishment and initial meeting of the Water Rights Task Force established on August 20, 1996, by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended by the Fiscal Year 1997 Agricultural Appropriations Act. The Congress and the Secretary have determined that the Water Rights Task Force is necessary and in the public interest and, accordingly, the Forest Service has scheduled the first meeting of the Task Force in Denver, Colorado, on September 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on September 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

**DATES:** The initial meeting will be held September 23-24, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401. Send written comments to Eleanor Towns, FACA Liaison, Water Rights Task Force, c/o USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Classer, Watershed & Air Management Staff, Telephone: (202) 205-1172; Fax: (202) 205-1096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Water Rights Task Force (Task Force) is composed of seven members appointed by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture. The purpose of the Task Force is to study and make recommendations on: (a) whether Federal water rights should be acquired for environmental protection on National Forest System lands; (b) measures necessary to protect the free exercise of non-Federal water rights requiring easements and permits from the Forest Service; (c) the protection of minimum instream flows for environmental and watershed management purposes through purchases or exchanges from willing sellers in accordance with State law; (d) the effects of any of the recommendations upon State laws, regulations, and customs of water usage; and (e) measures that would be useful in avoiding or resolving conflicts between the Forest Service's responsibilities for environmental stewardship, the public interest, and property rights and interests of water holders with special use authorizations for water facilities, including the study of the Federal acquisition of water rights, dispute resolution, mitigation, and compensation.

Copies of the Task Force's charter are being filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The objectives of the initial meeting are for the Task Force to elect a chairperson and develop a plan for carrying out its assigned responsibilities. The meeting is open to the public and will be chaired by the Forest Service liaison to the Task Force. Time will be provided each day for public input at times to be scheduled by the chairperson. However, Task Force discussion is limited to Forest Service personnel and Task Force members. Persons who wish to bring water rights matters to the attention of the Task Force may file written statements with the Forest Service liaison before or after the meeting.