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Good evening Chris and Mariel,
I understand that OBPA is no longer incorporating agency reform plan proposals into the FY2019 Department Estimate. Therefore, I'm sending the Forest Service's final proposals directly to you. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks,



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AGENCY REFORM PLAN

Proposal Name:

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Scope

Forest Service

Type

Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

USDA Strategic Goal 6.3 – Mitigate Wildfire Risk

USDA Strategic Goal 6.2 – Ensure Lands and Watersheds are Sustainable, Healthy and Productive

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Proposal-at-a-Glance

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(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Description

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(b)(5); Deliberative Process

Justification

[Redacted]

(b)(5); Deliberative Process

Supporting Evidence

[Redacted]

Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

The Forest Service proposes to begin implementing this Initiative in FY 2017

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(b)(5); Deliberative Process Privilege

Measuring Success

(b)(5); Deliberative Process



Affected Stakeholders
Internal and External.

(b)(5); Deliberative Process Privilege

Mechanism:
Administrative.

(b)(5); Deliberative Process Privilege

Budget and FTE changes

This Initiative does not require any budget or FTE changes.

(b)(5); Deliberative Process Privilege

Implications for other agencies

There would be limited or no impacts to other USDA agencies.

(b)(5); Deliberative Process Privilege

(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Proposal Name:

[Redacted]

Scope:

Forest Service

Type (select one) – Supports all actions below

- ✓ Eliminating activities
- ✓ Restructuring or merging activities
- ✓ Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- ✓ Workforce management (improve performance, increase accountability, and/or reduce cost/size)

USDA Strategic Goals

Identify which of the new USDA Strategic Goals (see Appendix A) will the reform proposal help achieve:

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity;
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure Productive and Sustainable Use of our National Forest System Lands

Proposal-at-a-Glance

- (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

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Description Short explanation of the existing issue and rationale for the proposed change.

- (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Justification Projected result/outcomes, both positive and negative.

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

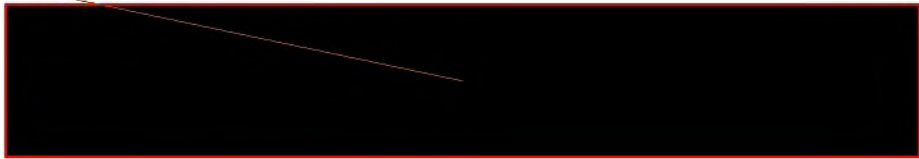
Supporting Evidence

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What We Learned in 2013:

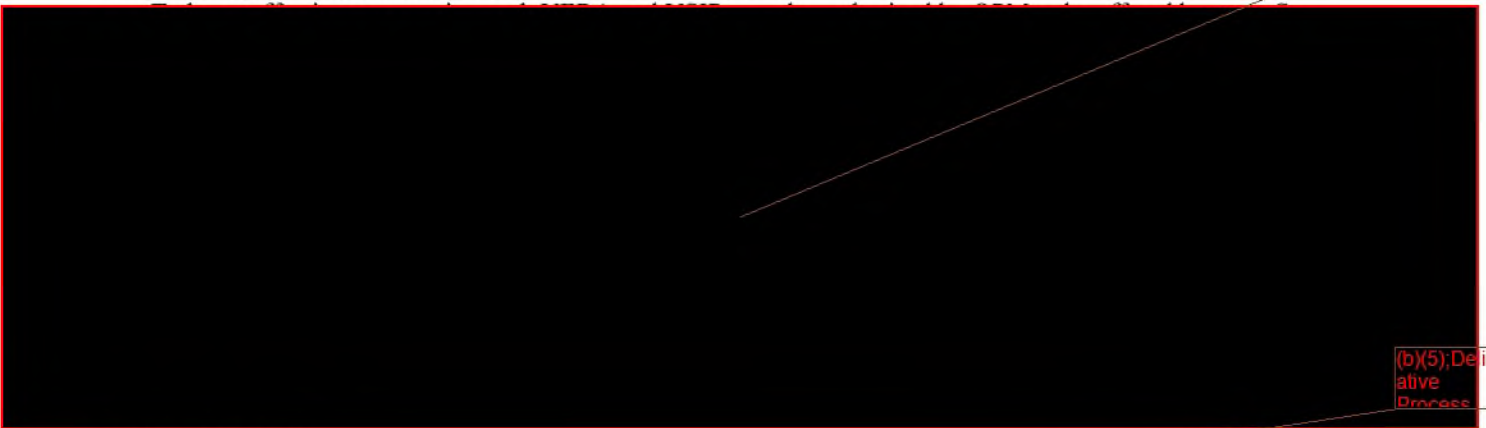
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What Is Different About This Proposal for 2017:

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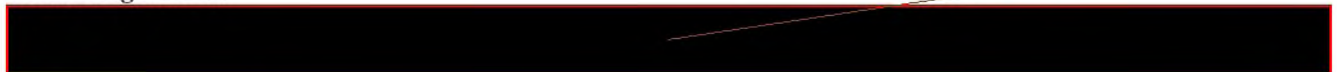
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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action



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Measuring Success



Affected Stakeholders

Internal stakeholders:

(b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

Mechanism:



Budget and FTE changes

This proposal requires no budget or FTE changes to implement

(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege

Proposal Name: Streamlining Environmental Analysis and Decision Making

Scope

Interagency – Forest Service

(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege

Type

Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.

Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

Proposal at a Glance

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Description

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Justification

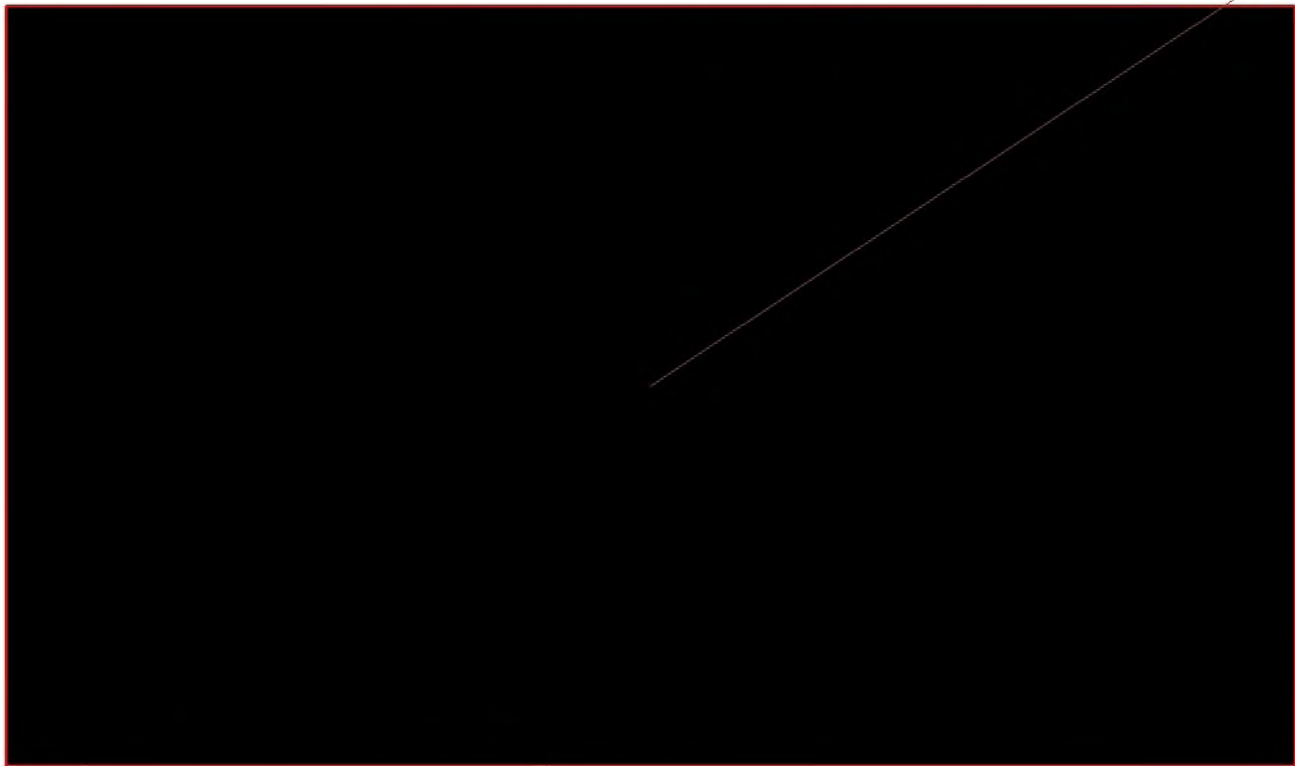
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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action



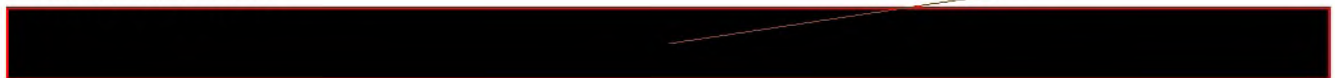
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Measuring Success



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Affected Stakeholders



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Mechanism

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Budget and FTE changes

[Redacted] no budget or FTE changes are expected. [Redacted]
(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege

Implications for other agencies (optional)

(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege
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Proposal Name: Forest Products Delivery System Modernization

Scope

Forest Service

Type

Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

Proposal-at-a-Glance

- (b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege
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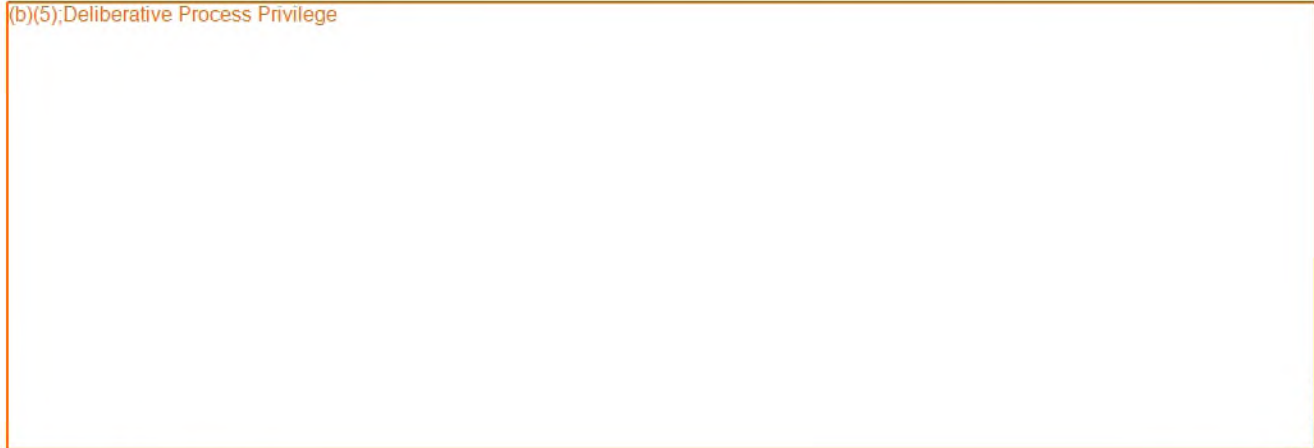
National Forests were originally envisioned as working forests with multiple objectives to improve and protect the forest, secure favorable watershed conditions, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for use by citizens of the United States. During the post-World War II housing boom, national forests were viewed as a ready supply of building material resulting in high volume outputs that peaked in the 1980s. This era had a significant influence on our forest management culture and associated internal direction that persists to this day.

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Justification

Our current practices and processes are not delivering results at the pace and scale expected of the Forest Service. We aspire to significantly improve our practices and processes to meet the pace and scale of results expected of the Forest Service in a sustainable way.



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Supporting Evidence



Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

- FY 2017: Project initiated, breadth and depth of problem/issues described, potential program changes identified.
- FY 2018: Problem/issues further refined, potential program changes identified, top priority program changes identified and selected, and work initiated.
- FY 2019: Short-term changes have been implemented, long-term changes have been initiated.

Measuring Success

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Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism

Administrative/Regulatory: These changes are anticipated to be pre-dominantly administrative in nature. There may be a few regulatory changes, and an even smaller number of statutory changes.

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Budget and FTE changes:

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Proposal Name -

(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Scope

USDA and Forest Service

Type

Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.

Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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Justification

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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

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Measuring Success

National metrics already exists to measure success through standard inspection criteria. Actual costs will need to be tracked and accounted for.

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Affected Stakeholders

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Budget and FTE changes

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Proposal Name: (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

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Scope

Forest Service

Type

- ✓ Workforce management (improve performance, increase accountability, and/or reduce cost/size)
- ✓ Restructuring or merging activities

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity
Strategic Goal 5: Strengthen the Stewardship of Private Lands through Technology and Research
Strategic Goal 6: Ensure Productive and Sustainable Use of our National Forest System Lands

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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Justification

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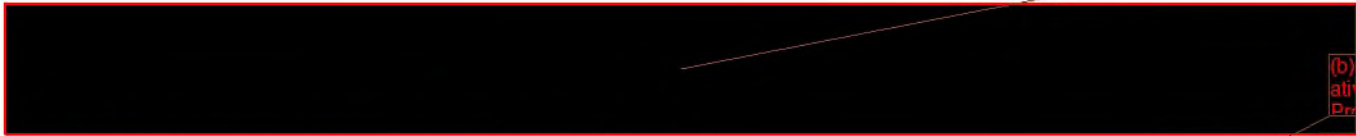
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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action



Measuring Success

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Affected Stakeholders



Mechanism:

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(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Budget and FTE changes



(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Implications for other agencies



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Proposal Name:



Scope:

Forest Service

Type

- ✓ Eliminating activities.
- ✓ Restructuring or merging activities:
- ✓ Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness:

USDA Strategic Goals

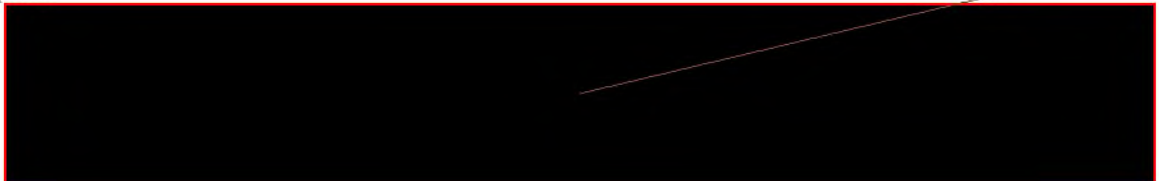
Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity.

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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(b)(5), Deliberative Process

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Justification

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(b)(5); Deliberative Process

Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

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(b)(5); Deliberative Process

Measuring Success

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(b)(5); Deliberative Process

Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism:

Administrative.

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Budget and FTE changes

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process



Proposal Name - (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

Scope
Forest Service

Type - Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

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Justification

- Our current practices and processes are not delivering results at the pace and scale expected of the Forest Service. We aspire to significantly improve our practices and processes to meet the pace and scale of results expected of the Forest Service in a sustainable way.

Supporting Evidence

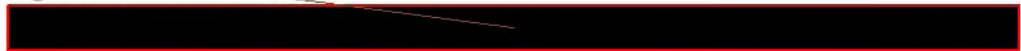
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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

FY2017 – FY2019

Measuring Success



Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism

(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Administrative/Legislative:

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Budget and FTE changes

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Proposal Name -

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Scope

Forest Service

Type - Restructuring or merging activities

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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Description

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Justification

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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

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(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Measuring Success

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Affected Stakeholders

Internal and External stakeholders.

(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege

(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Mechanism

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Budget and FTE changes

No significant budgetary or FTE changes are anticipated.

Implications for other agencies (optional)

Other USDA agencies will not be impacted by this agency reform.

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Proposal Name:

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Scope

Forest Service

Type

Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

Proposal at a Glance

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Description

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Justification

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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Affected Stakeholders

(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Budget and FTE changes

Estimated savings of (b)(5);Deliberative Process per year.

Mechanism

Regulatory. (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

Proposal Name: [Redacted]

Scope

Forest Service

Type – Improve Organization efficiencies & effectiveness

USDA Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity.
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure productive and sustainable use of our National Forest System Lands.

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

Description

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Justification

- Our current practices and processes are not delivering results at the pace and scale expected of the Forest Service. We aspire to significantly improve our practices and processes to meet the pace and scale of results expected of the Forest Service in a sustainable way.

Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

FY2017 – FY2019

Measuring Success

(b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism

- Statutory, regulatory, and administrative

Budget and FTE changes

No significant budgetary or FTE changes are anticipated.

Proposal Name: [REDACTED]

Scope

Forest Service

Type

- ✓ Restructuring or merging activities
- ✓ Improving organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- ✓ Workforce management

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Justification

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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

Proposed timeline:

- FY 2017 – Early FY 2018

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Measuring Success

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Affected Stakeholders

Internal stakeholders.

(b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

External stakeholders.

(b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege

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Mechanism: primary mechanism for change category: Administrative

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Budget and FTE changes

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Implications for other agencies

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(b)(5), Deliberative Process

Proposal Name:

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Scope:

(b)(5), Deliberative Process Privilege

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Type

✓ Eliminating activities

USDA Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity

Strategic Goal 5: Strengthen the Stewardship of Private Lands through Technology and Research

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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Description

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Justification

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Supporting Evidence

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Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

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Measuring Success

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Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism:

Statutory:

- (b)(5);Deliberative Process Privilege
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Budget and FTE changes

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Implications for other agencies

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Proposal Name: [Redacted]

Scope

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Type

- ✓ Eliminating activities
- ✓ Restructuring or merging activities
- ✓ Improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- ✓ Workforce management (improve performance, increase accountability, and/or reduce cost/size)

USDA Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: Ensure USDA programs are Delivered Efficiently, Effectively, and with Integrity
- Strategic Goal 6: Ensure Productive and Sustainable Use of our National Forest System Lands

Proposal-at-a-Glance

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Description

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Justification

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Supporting Evidence

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Proposal Implementation and Time Horizon to Start Action

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Measuring Success

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(b)(5);Deliberative Process

Affected Stakeholders

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Mechanism

Administrative.

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Budget and FTE changes (1-2 paragraphs)

Short term:

Long term:

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