



Dear Interested Party,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is publishing a regulation to implement the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), a new program authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014, and has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The EA and FONSI are available for review and comment for 30 days from the date of publication of the ACEP interim rule in the Federal Register. NRCS will consider this input to determine whether there is any new information provided that is relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts that warrant supplementing or revising the current available draft of the ACEP EA or FONSI. NRCS will also consider this information when revising the EA related to publication of a final ACEP rule.

A copy of the EA and FONSI may be obtained from the Internet at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/ea>. You may also obtain a hard copy in one of the following ways: 1) send an email to [andree.duvarney@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:andree.duvarney@wdc.usda.gov) with "Request for EA" in the subject line, or 2) mail a written request to: National Environmental Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ecological Sciences Division, Room 6158-S, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890.

Comments should be specific and reference that they are being provided on the ACEP EA and FONSI. Public comment on the environmental analysis may be submitted by any of the following means: 1) email comments to [andree.duvarney@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:andree.duvarney@wdc.usda.gov), 2) go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting comments for Docket No. NRCS-2014-0011, or 3) mail written comments to: National Environmental Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ecological Sciences Division, Room 6158-S, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890.

Thank you for your interest in NRCS conservation programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terrell Erickson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Terrell Erickson  
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