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3600: The entire amendment text has been reformatted and replaced, so that the amendment text on the Service-wide Directives Home Page in the Forest Service Web/Intranet (<http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/directives/index.html>) corresponds with the amendment text on the Forest Service Directives Home Page in the Forest Service World Wide Web/Internet (<http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>).

Although some minor typographical and technical errors have been corrected, substantive direction has not been changed.

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3601 - Authority

1. The basic authorities for rural development are contained in the following documents:

- a. Title IX of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-524).
- b. Rural Development Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-419), as amended.
- c. Rural Development Policy Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-355).
- d. Departmental Regulation No. 1044-2, Secretary's Policy and Coordination Council, January 6, 1983.
- e. Departmental Regulation No. 1043-12, The Food and Agriculture Council, January 11, 1983.
- f. National Food and Agriculture Council Directive No. 3-1983, Rural Development Responsibilities, June 20, 1983.
- g. Departmental Regulation No. 9400-1, Rural Development, August 2, 1983.

2. The Resource Conservation and Development Program operates under the authorities in:

- a. Sections 31 and 32 of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Act, as amended by title I.
- b. The Soil Conservation and Domestic Act of 1935.
- c. Sections 1528 through 1538, subtitle H, title XV, Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-98).

3602 - Objectives

1. The objectives of rural development are to utilize Forest Service programs and authorities to provide more jobs and income opportunities, to improve rural living conditions, to enrich the cultural life of rural America, and to maintain and protect the environment and natural resources of rural areas.

2. The objective of Forest Service participation in the Rural Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program is to improve the ability of State and local units of government and local sponsors to accelerate the conservation, development, and use of forest resources with the aim of improving the social, economic, and environmental conditions in an authorized Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) area.

3605 - Definition

Rural development is the utilization, protection, and development of natural and human resources which affect the economic vitality, social well-being, or local management capacities of small towns, villages, and the country-side; also included are larger communities whose economic base depends on mining, forestry, agriculture, fishing, or recreation.