



Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Publishes New Regulation for Reviewing Actions to Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources

(March 2, 2016) – USDA Rural Utilities Service Administrator Brandon McBride today announced a new rule governing how Rural Development will review actions affecting natural, historic and cultural resources.

The rule, which takes effect April 1, applies to actions under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act and other important environmental requirements.

It applies to actions by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service and the Rural Utilities Service.

Additional details on this final rule can be found on page 10999 of the March 2, 2016 [*Federal Register*](#).