

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		NUMBER: 1042-136
SUBJECT: GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD	DATE: August 2, 2002	
	OPI: FOREST SERVICE	

1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- a This charter renews the Giant Sequoia National Monument Scientific Advisory Board (Board) in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation, Establishment of the Giant Sequoia National Monument (Proclamation 7295 of April 15, 2000), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C App.).
- b The purpose of the Board is to provide scientific guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service during the development of the initial Giant Sequoia National Monument management plan.
- c The advice of the Board shall consist of the consensus of its members representing a range of scientific disciplines including the physical, biological, and social sciences.

2 TERM

- a This regulation will expire 2 years from the date of filing in accordance with Departmental Regulations or on the date a management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument is officially adopted by the USDA Forest Service.
- b Departmental Regulation No. 1042-136 dated October 26, 2001, is hereby superseded.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- a The Board shall consist of at least five, but no more than eight, members.

- b The Board members shall represent a range of scientific disciplines pertaining to the objects to be protected including, but not necessarily limited to, the physical, biological, and social sciences. At least one of the members shall be selected by the Secretary from nominations of qualified individuals submitted by any tribal organization occupying land adjacent to the Giant Sequoia National Monument.
- c A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.
- d Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Board. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.
- e The Board shall elect one of its members as chairperson at its first meeting.
- f The Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, USDA Forest Service, shall be the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Board.

4 DUTIES

- a The Board will provide guidance on preparation of the initial management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument and, at the request of the Secretary or the DFO, on other matters pertaining to management activities within the Giant Sequoia National Monument.
- b The Board may create and operate subcommittees recommended by the Board and approved by the Secretary or the DFO.

5 ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

- a Members of the Board shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with Federal per diem rates for attendance at the meetings approved by the Designated Federal Officer.
- b Annual estimated operating cost of the Board is \$50,000. Expenses will be borne by the USDA Forest Service each year. In addition,

annual Federal staff support is estimated at 1.0 staff year.

6 NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a The Board will meet as often as is necessary to complete its work, but no less than four times a year.
- b A majority of voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for a meeting that will provide consensus guidance.

7 REPORTS/SUPPORT

- a The Board reports to the Secretary of Agriculture through the USDA Forest Service.
- b Clerical and other administrative support for the Board will be provided by the USDA Forest Service.

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