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Stewart Appointed Advisor to Secretary USDA

WASHINGTON, DC - Frank Stewart, Executive Director of the Forest Landowners Tax Council, has been appointed by Ann Veneman, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to the Forest Research Advisory Council (FRAC). As a member of FRAC, Stewart will advise the Secretary on our nation's forest research requirements. FLTC is also pleased to report that Stewart has been elected to the FRAC Executive Committee and chosen as its Vice-Chairman for 2002.

Stewart said, "The Forest Landowners Tax Council believes that intelligent legislation is based upon research, and that there is a growing need to identify tax-based landowner incentives through research. America's forest landowners need a comprehensive tax structure that eliminates the disincentives of the current collection of tax rules. We hope our work with the Forest Research Advisory Council will benefit America's non-industrial, private, landowners and their forests."

The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forest Research Advisory Council (FRAC) to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978.

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The Forest Landowners Tax Council (FLTC) is an independent, national, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an effective and unified voice for non-industrial, private forest (NIPF) landowners on federal tax issues. The Council seeks to provide technical research to identify opportunities for timber tax improvements. FLTC is also a source of education for those who wish to learn more about timber taxation. Membership is open nationwide to all individuals, associations, or organizations interested in supporting the mission of the FLTC. Visit our website at: www.FLTC.org