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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Availability of the Final Report on the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research

AGENCY: Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Report on the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services announce the availability of the final report on the Joint Institute for Food Safety Research on the web address <http://www.foodsafety.gov/dms/jifsrp2.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 3, 1998, President Clinton directed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop a plan to create a Joint Institute for Food Safety Research (the Institute or JIFSR). The Institute is to (1) coordinate planning and priority setting for food safety research among the two Departments, other government agencies, and the private sector and (2) foster effective translation of research results into practice along the farm-to-table continuum. The ultimate goal of the Institute is to coordinate food safety research such that the incidence of foodborne illness is reduced to the greatest extent feasible. These coordinated and expanded efforts will strive for more efficient delivery of the scientific information needed to develop

effective food safety guidance, policies, and regulations in support of public health goals. DHHS and USDA will have joint leadership of the Institute and will use existing resources to support it. This acknowledgment of the critical need to coordinate and expand food safety research also emphasizes the companion needs to strengthen and expand public-private partnerships and to augment collaboration among state, local, and other Federal agencies, thereby providing effectively the scientific information required to help achieve public health goals. The full report as submitted to the President on July 2, 1999 is available at the Internet address <http://www.foodsafety.gov/dms/jifsrp2.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William C. Wagner, Interim Executive Director, (202) 401-4952, (202) 401-4888 (fax), email: wwagner@reeusda.gov.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed Interim Flat Fee Policy for Outstanding and Guiding Activities; Alaska National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Regional Forester, Alaska Region is seeking comments on a proposed interim flat fee policy for outfitting and guiding activities on National Forest System land in the Alaska Region. Developed in response to an order from the federal district court in Alaska arising from a lawsuit filed by the Tongass Conservancy, the proposed interim flat fee policy is designed to charge fees that are fair and

equitable to the federal government and the Alaska outfitter and guide industry. A notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 1999. Copies of the proposed interim flat fee schedule and policy were then sent with a request for comments to holders of National Forest outfitting and guiding permits in Alaska and other potentially interested parties. In addition, notice of and request to comment on the proposal was published in the local newspapers of record, and the policy and fee schedule is being posted on the World Wide Web. In response to requests from the outfitting and guiding industry and individual citizens we are extending the initial comment period ending September 7 an additional 25 days to October 1, 1999. The purpose of this notice is to advise people who may have an interest in this interim fee policy of the availability of the proposal and the extended opportunity to comment.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For copies of the proposed interim flat fee policy, write to the Regional Forester, Attention: Public Services—Arn Albrecht, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628 or access the document online at http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/what's_hot/hot.htm. Send written comments to the post office listed under this heading or to webmaster/r10@fs.fed.us or by facsimile to (907) 586-7843. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this proposed interim policy in the Office of the Public Services Staff, Room 501D, Federal Office Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801-1807 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The local Forest Service Ranger District, Supervisor's Office, or Arn Albrecht, (907) 586-7886, or Don Fisher, (907) 586-7861, in the Alaska Regional Office.

Dated: September 7, 1999.

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Regional Forester.

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