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Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting should contact Mary Tjeerdsma by November 18, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-357) (the Act) was enacted on October 22, 2004. The Act terminated the Federal Tobacco Marketing Quota and Price Support Loan Programs beginning with the 2005 crop year and provided that USDA will offer to enter into contracts with tobacco quota holders and producers for transitional payments.

In order to enter into a contract to receive these payments, a person must submit an application containing sufficient information to determine eligibility. For each of the 10 fiscal years beginning with 2005, a payment will be made to each eligible quota holder or producer. Total payments of up to \$7.00 per pound to quota holders and up to \$3.00 per pound to quota producers will be paid over the 10-year period, not to exceed \$10,140,000,000.

In order to fund the contract payments to quota holders and producers, the Secretary is required to impose quarterly assessments on each manufacturer and importer of tobacco products sold in the United States. Assessments will be deposited in a revolving trust fund within the Commodity Credit Corporation, to be known as the Tobacco Trust Fund. Beginning with the calendar quarter ending on December 31 of each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2014, the assessment payments for each of the four calendar-quarter periods must be sufficient to cover contract payments to quota holders and producers and other expenditures from the Tobacco Trust Fund that correspond to that period.

The Act provided the percentages of the total amount to be paid in fiscal year 2005 by manufacturers and importers of each class of tobacco product as follows:

- Cigarette—96.331%.
- Cigar—2.783%.
- Snuff—0.539%.
- Roll-your-own—0.171%.
- Pipe—0.066%.

The percentages for subsequent fiscal years will be adjusted to reflect any

change in the share of gross domestic sales volume held by each class of product.

The quarterly assessment to be paid by each manufacturer or importer of a class of tobacco product will be determined by the manufacturer's or importer's market share of that class of tobacco product for the quarter.

The full text of the Act is available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/buyout/>.

II. Registration

Registration may be by e-mail at tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov or you may contact the Public Meeting Coordinator, Mary Tjeerdsma, to register by phone at (202) 690-2524 or by fax at (202) 720-6426. The following information must be provided when registering to attend the meeting: Name, company name and address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and special needs information. A staff member will confirm your registration by e-mail, fax, or phone. You may also register in person at the meeting.

III. Presentations and Comment Format

A. Primary Speaker Presentations

Persons who wish to be primary speakers must register to attend the meeting before the day of the meeting using the registration procedures described above. At the time of registration, primary speakers must provide a brief, written statement regarding the nature of the information they intend to provide. In addition, on the day of the meeting, primary speakers must provide a written summary of their comments to the Public Meeting Coordinator.

B. "5-Minute" Speaker Presentations

Other attendees will be permitted to sign up at the meeting, on a first-come, first-served basis, to make 5-minute presentations on individual agenda items. Based on the number of items on the agenda and the progress of the meeting, a determination will be made at the meeting by the Public Meeting Coordinator and the meeting moderator regarding how many 5-minute speakers can be accommodated. In order to offer the same opportunity to all attendees, there is no pre-registration for 5-minute speakers. Attendees may sign up only on the day of the meeting to make a 5-minute presentation. They must provide their name, company name and address, contact information as specified on the sign up sheet, and identify the specific agenda item that will be addressed.

C. Written Comments

We welcome written comments from anyone, whether or not they have had

the opportunity to make an oral presentation. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or, by December 10, 2004 by the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments to tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov.
- Mail: Send comments to Director, Tobacco Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0514, Room 4080-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0514.

IV. General Information

The meeting will be held in a Federal government building. Therefore, Federal security measures will be in force. In planning your arrival, we recommend allowing extra time to clear security. Entry to the building will be at the 4th Wing entrance on Independence Avenue. In order to enter the building, participants must bring a government-issued photo identification. Entry may be denied to persons without proper identification.

In addition, all persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to the meeting, whether personal or for the purposes of demonstration or support of a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or support of a presentation.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 11, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice-President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on December 9, 2004, in Eureka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP).

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (503) 934-1137; E-MAIL pybrown@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Regional Exosystem Office (REO) update; (2) Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) feedback to the PAC regarding their recommendations on watershed analyses and Healthy Forest Restoration Act projects; (3) Report on the Province 2004 Implementation Monitoring activity held in September; (4) Continue panel discussion concerning options for silvicultural treatments on federal lands; (5) Presentation on the NWFP 10-year monitoring program; (6) Presentation on Bureau of Land Management/Department of Fish and Game research on impacts of fall, winter and spring prescribed burning on avian and terrestrial species; and (7) Public comment. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: November 9, 2004.

Phebe Y. Brown,
Committee Staff Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a business meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, December 1, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program Building, 3100 South Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics will include review and approval of project proposals, and is an open public forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Gochmour, Designated Federal Officer, at 208-392-6681 or e-mail dgouchmour@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

Bruce A. Waite,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Program; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for a new grant program that will implement the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP) lending program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Plank, Senior Environmental Scientist, RUS, Water and Environmental Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1649 or email: mark.plank@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Public Law 107-171. Section 6012 of the Farm Bill amended Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) by adding a grant program to establish a lending program. The program will provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing loans to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The program is called the Household Water Well System Program (HWWSP). This program was authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2003 through 2007. There was no funding appropriated in FY 2003. However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-

199), includes \$1,000,000 for the program.

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service issued proposed regulations to implement the HWWSP (69 FR 59836, October 6, 2004). The final rule outlines the procedures for providing grants to eligible applicants to establish a revolving loan fund and to pay reasonable administrative expenses. The revolving loan fund will be used to make loans to eligible applicants for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems in rural areas that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals. The CONACT defines an "eligible individual" as a person who is a member of a household in which all members have a combined income that is 100 percent or less of the median non-metropolitan household income for the State or territory in which the person resides. The combined household income must be for the most recent 12-month period for which the information is available, according to the most recent decennial census of the United States. The maximum statutory limit per loan per household water well system is \$8,000.

Due to similar project activities and a limited area of potential effect of most HWWSP loan approval actions, RUS prepared and published, on September 30, 2004 (69 FR 58389), a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to evaluate two Federal actions related to the HWWSP:

(1) Grants awarded by RUS to eligible grant recipients; and (2) Loans made by the grant recipient to eligible loan recipients using the direct or indirect proceeds of a HWWSP grant awarded under this program.

The PEA was available for a 30-day review and comment period; only one comment was received. The comment related to loan recipients and potential construction (as defined in the HWWSP) in special flood hazard areas identified as Zone A or V by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The commenter was concerned whether loan proceeds could be used in conjunction with the construction of new homes and, if so, that the construction should be evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and other applicable requirements. The HWWSP's authorizing legislative is clear that eligible individuals are limited by definition to the following: 7 CFR 1776.3, "Construction means building or assembling a water well system or portion thereof that is *not* a water well system or portion thereof being constructed in connection with a