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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS-FV-07-0142]

United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens. Specifically, AMS is removing the "Unclassified" category from the standards.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 26, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carl Newell, Standardization and Training Section, Fresh Products Branch, (540) 361-1120. The revised United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens are available by accessing the Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities. AMS makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are

maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is revising the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens using the procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). These standards were last revised June 1, 1959.

Background

Prior to undertaking detailed work to develop a proposed revision to the standards, AMS published a notice on February 19, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 9086) soliciting comments on possible revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens, including an AMS proposal to remove the "Unclassified" category from the standards. No comments were received in response to the notice. A second notice was published on July 10, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 39646) proposing to revise the standards to remove the "Unclassified" category from the standards. No comments were received in response to the second notice; accordingly, AMS is revising the grade standards for beet greens to include this revision.

The official grades of beet greens covered by these standards are determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.62).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest; California and Nevada; Bridgeport Ranger District Travel Management

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to

disclose the impacts associated with the following proposed actions:

- Restricting motor vehicles to designated roads and trails, consistent with the national travel management rule.
- Changes to the forest transportation system, including the recognition and designation of certain user-created routes for motor vehicle use.
- The Ranger District currently manages about 1500 miles of motor vehicle routes for public use. The proposed action would recognize and adopt an additional 300 additional miles of existing informal (user-created) roads and trails. Most of these have been in existence for many years, but have not been recognized as a part of the forest transportation system.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days from the date this Notice of Intent is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Travel Management Team, Bridgeport Ranger District, HCR1, Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517. E-mail comments may be submitted to comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-bridgeport@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Loomis, Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, 1536 S. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701. Phone: 775-882-2766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Over the past few decades, the availability and capability of motorized vehicles, particularly off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) has increased tremendously. Nationally, the number of OHV users has climbed sevenfold in the past 30 years, from approximately 5 million in 1972 to 36 million in 2000.

Unmanaged OHV use has resulted in unplanned roads and trails, erosion, watershed and habitat degradation, and impacts to cultural resource sites. Compaction and erosion are the primary effects of OHV use on soils. Riparian areas and aquatic dependent species are particularly vulnerable to OHV use. Unmanaged recreation, including impacts from OHVs, is one of "Four Key Threats Facing the Nation's Forests and Grasslands." (USDA Forest Service, June 2004).