

- Should APHIS grant the supplemental request for “partial deregulation” or similar administrative action to authorize the continued cultivation of event H7–1 sugar beets subject to the interim measures proposed by APHIS in Federal District Court?

- Should APHIS continue to regulate the environmental release and movement of event H7–1 sugar beets under 7 CFR part 340?

- What conditions (interim regulatory measures) should be imposed to prevent any potential plant pest risk from planted event H7–1 sugar beets that remain under regulation, to minimize disruptions to U.S. sugar beet production, and to minimize the likelihood of impacts of concern to the Court until APHIS can complete an EIS before making a determination on whether or not to grant nonregulated status to event H7–1 sugar beets?

- Would the preferred alternative, if selected (see alternative 2 below), have significant impacts on the quality of the human environment requiring preparation of an EIS?

The draft EA has been prepared to analyze the alternatives available to APHIS for responding to this supplemental request and to provide the public with documentation of APHIS’ review and analysis of any potential individual and cumulative environmental impacts associated with the “partial deregulation” or for similar administrative action to authorize the cultivation of event H7–1 sugar beets subject to carefully tailored interim measures proposed by APHIS.

The draft EA considers and evaluates three reasonable alternatives. The alternatives analyzed in the draft EA include:

- *Alternative 1—APHIS Denies Petition Request for Partial Deregulation/No Further Actions To Authorize Cultivation of Event H7–1 Sugar Beets (No Action).* This alternative would deny the request for “partial deregulation” or any similar administrative action under 7 CFR part 340 for the cultivation of event H7–1 sugar beets, thereby halting any consideration of authorizing commercial production until the completion of the EIS.

- *Alternative 2—Event H7–1 Sugar Beet Production (Seed/Root) Under APHIS 7 CFR Part 340 (Preferred Alternative).* APHIS’ preferred alternative is to authorize the commercial production of event H7–1 sugar beets under APHIS permits, in accordance with 7 CFR part 340, subject to mandatory conditions to prevent any potential plant pest risks from such

cultivation. These conditions are intended both to minimize any potential for the escape and dissemination of plant pests and the likelihood of impacts of concern raised by the Court in the lawsuit challenging APHIS’ decision to deregulate event H7–1 sugar beets.

- *Alternative 3—Partial Deregulation of Event H7–1 Sugar Beets (Seed/Root).* This alternative would grant the petition request for partial deregulation to allow the commercial production of event H7–1 sugar beets. The supplemental request that APHIS received from Monsanto/KWS did not clearly explain what the petitioners mean or envision by a “partial deregulation.” The petitioner did not identify any specific mechanism(s) that would be used to impose the conditions to prevent any potential plant pest risks, which parties would be subject to the conditions, or how compliance with the conditions would be ensured. APHIS has interpreted this petition to mean that Monsanto/KWS is requesting that event H7–1 sugar beets would no longer be regulated under 7 CFR part 340 provided that they are cultivated under the conditions and interim measures that APHIS proposed to the Court. APHIS further interprets the request to mean that Monsanto/KWS would be the responsible party for overseeing implementation and monitoring of conditions for cultivation of event H7–1 sugar beets. Under this alternative, APHIS would grant the petition for partial deregulation; APHIS would no longer regulate event H7–1 sugar beets under 7CFR Part 340; and the cultivation of event H7–1 sugar beets would be allowed under conditions imposed by Monsanto/KWS through technology stewardship agreements, contracts, or other legal instruments.

Alternatives considered but rejected in the draft EA include: (1) Deregulating root production under conditions imposed by APHIS while prohibiting seed production, (2) deregulating root production under conditions imposed by APHIS while authorizing continued seed production under APHIS permits or notification, (3) deregulating seed production under conditions imposed by APHIS while prohibiting root production, and (4) deregulating seed production under conditions imposed by APHIS while authorizing continued root production under APHIS permits or notification.

The draft EA was prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for

implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS’ NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

The draft EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room. (Instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice.) In addition, copies may be obtained by calling or writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC this 1st day of November 2010.

Kevin Shea,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gallatin National Forest’s Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Bozeman, Montana. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is of the meeting is to determine parameters and timeframes for the first round of projects and Public Comments.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 17, 2010, and will begin at 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bozeman Public Library, Large Meeting Room, 626 East Main, Bozeman, MT. Written comments should be sent to Babete Anderson, Custer National Forest, 1310 Main Street, Billings, MT 59105. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to branderson@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 406–657–6222.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Custer

National Forest, 13 10 Main Street, Billings, MT 59105. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 406-657-6205 ext 239.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Babete Anderson, RAG coordinator, USDA, Custer National Forest, 1310 Main Street, Billings, MT 59105; (406) 657-6205 ext 239; E-mail branderson@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: Review first round of project proposals and Public Comments. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written request by November 12th will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: October 28, 2010.

Chris Worth,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Idaho Panhandle 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. 110-343) the Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, November 12, 2010, at 9 a.m. in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a business meeting. The business meeting is open to the public.

DATES: November 12, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Idaho Panhandle National Forests' Supervisor's Office, located at 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ranotta K. McNair, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official, at (208) 765-7369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will focus on reviewing proposals for forest projects and recommending funding during the business meeting. The public forum begins at 11 a.m.

Dated: October 27, 2010.

Ranotta K. McNair,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Triangular Transactions Covered by a U.S. Import Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0009.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Section 15(b) of the Export Administration Act (EAA) of 1979, as amended, authorizes the President and the Secretary of Commerce to issue regulations to implement the EAA including those provisions authorizing the control of exports of U.S. goods and technology to all foreign destinations, as necessary for the purpose of national security, foreign policy and short supply, and the provision prohibiting U.S. persons from participating in certain foreign boycotts.

The triangular symbol is stamped on the U.S. import certificate as notification that the importer does not intend to import or retain the items in the country issuing the certificate, but that, in any case, the items will not be delivered to any other destination except in accordance with the Export Administration Regulations. If this procedure were not followed, strategic commodities could be delivered to unauthorized destinations.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations; and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Sehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Sehra, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail Jasmeet.K.Sehra@omb.eop.gov, or fax to (202) 395-5167.

Dated: October 29, 2010.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Region Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0353.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 1,692.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 3,138.

Needs and Uses: This request is for renewal of an existing information collection.

Participants in the groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off the coast of Alaska are required to mark identification information on marker buoys for hook-and-line, longline pot, and pot-and-line gear. The information is needed for fishery enforcement purposes. The cooperating fishermen also use the gear identification to report placement or occurrence of gear in unauthorized areas. Fishermen marking their gear correctly ultimately benefit, as unauthorized and illegal fishing is deterred and more burdensome regulations are avoided. Regulations