

of § 340.6 describe the form that a petition for a determination of nonregulated status must take and the information that must be included in the petition.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2005 (70 FR 36917–36919, Docket No. 04–085–3), APHIS advised the public of its determination, effective June 14, 2005, that the Monsanto and Forage Genetics International GE glyphosate-tolerant alfalfa lines designated as events J101 and J163 were no longer considered regulated articles under the regulations governing the introduction of certain GE organisms. That determination was subsequently challenged in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California by the Center for Food Safety, other associations, and several organic alfalfa growers. The lawsuit alleged that APHIS' decision to deregulate the GE alfalfa events J101 and J163 violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, and the Plant Protection Act.

On February 13, 2007, the court in that case issued its memorandum and order in which it determined that APHIS had violated NEPA by not preparing an EIS in connection with its deregulation determination. The court ruled that the environmental assessment prepared by APHIS for its deregulation determination failed to adequately consider certain environmental impacts in violation of NEPA. The deregulation determination was vacated and APHIS was directed by the court to prepare an EIS in connection with making a new determination on the regulated status of the GE alfalfa.

On December 18, 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency published a notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 67206–67207, Docket No. ER–FRL–8986–6) announcing the availability of a draft EIS in connection with making a determination on the regulated status of the GE alfalfa. Comments on the draft EIS were to have been received on or before February 16, 2010. APHIS subsequently published a notice<sup>1</sup> in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 2010 (75 FR 8299–8300, Docket No. APHIS–2007–0044), extending the comment period through March 3, 2010.

In December 2010, APHIS published and distributed the final EIS, which included discussion of the public

comments received on the draft EIS. On December 23, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency published a notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 80807–80808, Docket No. ER–FRL–8994–3) announcing the availability of the final EIS. The NEPA implementing regulations in 40 CFR 1506.10 require a 30-day review period between the time a final EIS is published and the time an agency makes a decision on an action covered by the EIS. APHIS received more than 16,000 comments on the final EIS by the time this review period ended on January 24, 2011.

APHIS has reviewed the final EIS and has concluded that it has fully analyzed the issues covered by the draft EIS and those comments and suggestions submitted by commenters. APHIS has now prepared a record of decision based on the final EIS and is making that record available to the public. The record of decision and the final EIS on which the record of decision is based may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0044>. Copies of those documents may also be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The record of decision has been prepared in accordance with: (1) NEPA, (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).

Done in Washington, DC, this January 27, 2011.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. 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 to continue the review of project submittals.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 17, 2011, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Salt Lake County Government Center, Room S1002, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Written comments should be sent to Loyal Clark, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [lfclark@fs.fed.us](mailto:lfclark@fs.fed.us), via facsimile to 801–342–5144.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Loyal Clark, RAC Coordinator, USDA, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601; 801–342–5117; [lfclark@fs.fed.us](mailto:lfclark@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) review Forest Service project approval letter, and (2) review new proposals. 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.

Dated: January 21, 2011.

**Cheryl Probert,**

*Deputy Forest Supervisor.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 10 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 2300 E. University Drive, Denton, TX, 76206. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Committee's civil rights project on human trafficking.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the

<sup>1</sup> This and the subsequent notices mentioned in this notice, as well as comments received, supporting and related materials, and other documents can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0044>.