

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule Committee (Committee) will meet in Houston, Texas. Attendees may also listen via webinar and conference call. The Committee operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Committee information can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/planningrule/committee>.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held in-person and streamed via webinar/conference call on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST.
- Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST.

All meetings are subject to cancellation. For updated status of meetings prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. For anyone who would like to attend via webinar and/or conference call, please visit the Web site listed above or contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, are placed in the record and available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the USDA Forest Service Washington Office—Yates Building. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Crystal Merica, Committee Coordinator by phone at 202–205–3562, or by email at [ckmerica@fs.fed.us](mailto:ckmerica@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 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to provide:

1. Continued deliberations on formulating advice for the Secretary,
2. Discussion of Committee work group findings,
3. Hearing public comments, and

## 4. Administrative tasks.

This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral comments of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral comment should submit a request in writing by May 5, 2017, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee's staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and time requests for oral comments must be sent to Crystal Merica, USDA Forest Service, Ecosystem Management Coordination, 201 14th Street SW., Mail Stop 1104, Washington, DC 20250–1104, or by email at [ckmerica@fs.fed.us](mailto:ckmerica@fs.fed.us). The agenda and summary of the meeting will be posted on the Committee's Web site within 21 days of the meeting.

*Meeting Accommodations:* If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: April 13, 2017.

**Glenn Casamassa,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (Board) will meet in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Board is established consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and the Federal Public Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. Additional information concerning the Board, including the meeting summary/minutes, can be found by visiting the Board's Web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

All meetings are subject to cancellation. For updated status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Forest Service Center, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, are placed in the record and available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott Jacobson, Committee Coordinator, by phone at 605–440–1409 or by email at [sjjacobson@fs.fed.us](mailto:sjjacobson@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 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to provide:

- (1) 2017 Recreation Event Permits;
- (2) Information Topic: National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act;
- (3) Black Hills Resilient Landscape Project update;
- (4) Teckla Osage 230 kV Powerline Update;
- (5) Non-motorized Trails—Working Group update; and
- (6) Black Hills National Forest Mobile App;

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should submit a request in writing by May 8, 2017, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Board may file written statements with the Board's staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and time requests for oral comments must be sent to Scott Jacobson, Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1019 North Fifth Street, Custer, South Dakota 57730; by email to [sjjacobson@fs.fed.us](mailto:sjjacobson@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 605–673–9208.

*Meeting Accommodations:* If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices,

or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: April 13, 2017.

**Glenn Casamassa,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-122-858]

#### **Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain softwood lumber products (softwood lumber) from Canada. The period of investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

**DATES:** Effective April 28, 2017.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lana Nigro (Tolko), Toby Vandall (Canfor), Justin Neuman (JDIL), Patricia Tran (West Fraser), and Kristen Johnson (Resolute), AD/CVD Operations, Offices I and III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1779, (202) 482-1664, (202) 482-0486, (202) 482-1503, and (202) 482-4793, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on December 22, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On February 2, 2017, the Department postponed the

preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now April 24, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

On April 13, 2017, the Department preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist with respect to certain companies.<sup>3</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

##### **Scope of the Investigation**

The product covered by this investigation is softwood lumber from Canada. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

##### **Scope Comments**

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>5</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage, (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>6</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice* as well as on additional language proposed by the Department. On March 29, 2017, a letter presenting a proposal for company exclusions was filed on behalf of the Government of Canada (GOC), Canadian

provincial and territorial governments, as well as the Canadian industry associations.<sup>7</sup> The Department finds that it lacks the authority to conduct the requested company exclusion process in the context of this countervailing duty investigation (CVD) on softwood lumber from Canada.<sup>8</sup>

With respect to other proposed scope exclusions, including the request to exclude merchandise from certain provinces, the Department is inviting comments on those proposed exclusions and will incorporate the decisions into the final CVD and AD determinations after considering any relevant comments submitted in case and rebuttal briefs. Comments on any proposed scope exclusions are due no later than seven days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Please note that the Department will not accept any new factual information in these submissions. The Department intends to set the same deadline on the record of the companion AD investigation. For further information regarding proposed scope exclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum accompanying this notice.

##### **Methodology**

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, the Department preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>9</sup>

##### **Alignment**

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), the Department is aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion AD

<sup>7</sup> See letter from the Government of Canada, "Proposal for Company Exclusions," dated March 29, 2017; see also letter from the Government of New Brunswick, "Softwood Lumber from Canada: Proposals for Product- or Company-Based Exclusions from the CVD Investigation," dated March 31, 2017; letter from Government of British Columbia, "Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Comments in Support of Clarifying and Exclusionary Language Proposed by Canada Regarding the Scope of these Investigations," dated April 3, 2017.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum from Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, dated April 24, 2017.

<sup>9</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 81 FR 93897 (December 22, 2016) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 82 FR 9055 (February 2, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Preliminary Determinations of Critical Circumstances*, signed April 13, 2017 (*Preliminary CC Determination*).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (*Preliminary Decision Memorandum*).

<sup>5</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>6</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.