

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-95-002]

Beef Promotion and Research: Certification and Nomination Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is accepting applications from State cattle producer and general farm organizations as well as beef importers who desire to be certified to nominate producers or importers for appointment to vacant positions on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (Board). Organizations which have not previously been certified that are interested in submitting nominations must complete and submit an official application form to AMS. Previously certified organizations do not need to reapply. Notice is also given that vacancies will occur on the Board and that during a period to be established, nominations will be accepted from eligible organizations and individual importers.

DATES: Applications for certification must be received by close of business March 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Certification forms as well as copies of the certification and nomination procedures may be requested from Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch; Livestock and Seed Division; AMS, USDA; Room 2624-S; P.O. Box 96456; Washington, DC 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph L. Tapp at 202/720-1115 (FTS 720-1115).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*), approved December 23, 1985, authorizes the implementation of a Beef Promotion and Research Order (Order). The Order, as published in the July 18, 1986, **Federal Register** (51 FR 26132), provides for the establishment of a Board. The current Board consists of 101 cattle producers and 6 importers appointed by the Secretary. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are specified in the Order.

The Act and the Order provide that the Secretary shall either certify or otherwise determine the eligibility of State or importer organizations or associations to nominate members to the Board to ensure that nominees represent the interests of cattle producers and importers. Nominations for importer representatives may also be made by individuals who import cattle, beef, or beef products. Individual importers do not need to be certified as eligible to submit nominations. When individual importers submit nominations, they must establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that they are in fact importers of cattle, beef, or beef products, pursuant to § 1260.143(b)(2) of the Order (7 CFR 1260.143(b)(2)). Individual importers are encouraged to contact AMS at the above address to obtain further information concerning the nomination process including the beginning and ending dates of the established nomination period and required nomination forms and background information sheets. Certification and nomination procedures were promulgated in the final rule, published in the April 4, 1986, **Federal Register** (51 FR 11557). Organizations which have previously been certified to nominate members to the Board do not need to reapply for certification to nominate producers and importers for the existing vacancies.

The Act and the Order provide that the members of the Board shall serve for terms of three (3) years. The Order also requires USDA to announce when a Board vacancy does or will exist. The following States have one or more members whose terms will expire in 1995:

State or unit	Number of vacancies
Alabama	1

State or unit	Number of vacancies
Arkansas	1
California	2
Colorado	1
Florida	1
Georgia	1
Idaho	1
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Iowa	2
Kansas	2
Kentucky	1
Minnesota	1
Missouri	2
Montana	1
Nebraska	2
New York	1
North Dakota	1
Ohio	1
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	5
Virginia	1
Wisconsin	1
Northwest Unit	1
Importers	1

Since there are no anticipated vacancies on the Board for the remaining States' positions, or for the positions of the Northeast unit and mid-Atlantic units, nominations will not be solicited from certified organizations or associations in those States or units.

Uncertified eligible producer organizations in all States that are interested in being certified as eligible to nominate cattle producers for appointment to the listed producer positions, must complete and submit an official "Application for Certification of Organization or Association," which must be received by March 17, 1995. Uncertified eligible importer organizations that are interested in being certified as eligible to nominate importers for appointment to the listed importer positions must apply by the same date. Importers should not use the application form but should provide the requested information by letter as provided for in 7 CFR 1260.540(b). Applications from States or units without vacant positions on the Board and other applications not received within the 30-day period after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** will be considered for eligibility to nominate producers or importers for subsequent vacancies on the Board.

Only those organizations or associations which meet the criteria for certification of eligibility promulgated at 7 CFR 1260.530 as published in 51 FR 11557, 11559 (April 4, 1986) are eligible for certification. Those criteria are:

(a) For State organizations or associations:

(1) Total paid membership must be comprised of at least a majority of cattle producers or represent at least a majority of cattle producers in a State or unit.

(2) Membership must represent a substantial number of producers who produce a substantial number of cattle in such State or unit.

(3) There must be a history of stability and permanency.

(4) There must be a primary or overriding purpose of promoting the economic welfare of cattle producers.

(b) For organizations or associations representing importers, the determination by the Secretary as to the eligibility of importer organizations or associations to nominate members to the Board shall be based on applications containing the following information:

(1) The number and type of members represented (i.e., beef or cattle importers, etc.).

(2) Annual import volume in pounds of beef and beef products and/or the number of head of cattle.

(3) The stability and permanency of the importer organization or association.

(4) The number of years in existence.

(5) The names of the countries of origin for cattle, beef, or beef products imported.

All certified organizations and associations, including those which were previously certified in the States or units having vacant positions on the Board, will be notified simultaneously in writing of the beginning and ending dates of the established nomination period and will be provided with required nomination forms and background information sheets.

The names of qualified nominees received by the established due date will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture for consideration as appointees to the Board.

The information collection requirements referenced in this notice have been previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB No. 0581-0093, except Board member nominee information sheets are assigned OMB No. 0505-0001.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.

Dated: February 9, 1995.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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Forest Service

California Spotted Owl EIS

AGENCY: Forest Services, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open house in which the public is invited to participate in information exchange regarding alternatives being considered in the California Spotted Owl Draft Environmental Impact Statement, as they affect the Eldorado National Forest area.

DATES AND TIME: March 10, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. March 11, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESS: Placerville Town Hall, 549 Main Street, Placerville, CA.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Frank Mosbacher, Eldorado National Forest Supervisor's Office, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA, 95667. (916) 622-5061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service will release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to amend the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide and Sierran Province Forest Plans with new management direction for the California Spotted Owl. The purpose of this meeting is to exchange information with the public regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the preferred alternative.

The meeting will be informally structured. Members of the team that prepared the DEIS will be available to answer questions and discuss the DEIS. Visual media depicting the alternatives and selected environmental consequences will be displayed.

Dated: February 7, 1995.

John Phipps,

Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest.

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Secesh River Subdivision Access Roads

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Payette National Forest proposes to issue a special use permit to

allow the Secesh River Property Owners Association to construct/reconstruct, maintain, and use four roads in the Secesh Meadows area to access private land. The total length of the roads is approximately 2,100 feet and would enable development on nine lots in the Secesh River Subdivision #1 and one lot in Secesh River Subdivision #2. The private land lies approximately 25 miles northeast of McCall, Idaho, in T22N, R5E, Sections 9 and 10, and covers 74 acres; it is part of the former Spokane Group #7 patented mining claim, Minerals Survey 3387.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Fitch, McCall District Ranger (208) 634-0400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1994, the Payette National Forest prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzed six alternatives for accomplishing the project. The EA was released for 30-days predecisional review and comment on November 21, 1994. In reviewing the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for significance (40 CFR 1508.27), it was determined this project would be a major Federal action with significant effects, because the Forest Service's biological assessment for endangered chinook salmon made a finding of "Likely to Adversely Affect."

PURPOSE AND NEED: The need connected with this project is to respond to the special use application for road construction, use, and maintenance.

PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action is a modification of Alternative D from the EA. Alternative D presented in the EA would have allowed Secesh Meadows Property Owners Association to construct/reconstruct, use, and maintain roads #1 (1,200 feet), #2 (300 feet), and #5 (300 feet) to a standard including construction to a grade above ground level (or road side ditch) for good drainage, gravel surfacing, and installation of structures to accommodate overland flow (culverts). Road #3 (300 feet) would be built to a standard of construction of approximately 12 feet in width, native surfacing, and no drainage structures or maintenance. Existing road #4 would be closed, and the owner of lot 10 would have to work out alternative access. In addition, the Proposed Action includes a modification to Alternative D which will require that road #3 also be constructed to a grade similar to other approved roads.

FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT: The Proposed Action may require site-specific Forest Plan amendments in standards and guidelines for: anadromous fish habitat, big game calving areas, meadows