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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. CN-95-003]

Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards; Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards.

DATES: June 15, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. through June 16, 1995.

PLACE: June 15, Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. Phone (901) 529-4000.

June 16 at USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Cotton Division offices at 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38133. Phone (901) 384-3000. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harmon H. Ramey, Jr., Fiber Technology Branch, Cotton Division, AMS, USDA, 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38133; (901) 384-3040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee includes representatives of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry and the twenty-one overseas associations that are signatories to the Universal Cotton Standards Agreement. The purpose of the meeting is: (1) to recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture any changes considered necessary to the Universal Standards; and (2) to review freshly prepared sets of Universal Cotton Standards for conformity with existing standards.

Written comments may be submitted in advance or following the meeting to Dr. Ramey. Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463).

Dated: May 10, 1995.

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Administrator.

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Forest Service

High Uintas Wilderness Management Plan; Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Duchesne and Summit Counties, UT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to preserve the values in the High Uintas Wilderness at the resource, social, and managerial conditions described in the 1964 Wilderness Act.

DATES: To be most useful, comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by June 19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Joseph R. Bistrski, District Ranger, Duchesne Ranger District, Ashley National Forest, PO Box 981, Duchesne, Utah 84021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gayne Sears, ID Team Leader, (801) 722-5018 at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1984, 460,000 acres of the Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests were designated as the High Uintas Wilderness with the passage of the Utah Wilderness Act. The High Uintas Wilderness is located within the Uintas Range in northeastern Utah. It is the largest designated wilderness in the State of Utah.

The 1964 Wilderness Act defines wilderness as a place affected primarily by nature, where people are visitors who do not remain, and where natural ecological processes operate freely. Outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation are available. As human use increases and the demand for this type of opportunity grows, some areas in the High Uintas Wilderness no longer possess these wilderness attributes. Other more

remote areas are at risk of losing existing wilderness qualities.

In order to meet the intent of the Wilderness Act, we propose to amend the Ashley and Wasatch-Cache Forest Plans to define resource, social, and managerial desired conditions to (A) maintain a wilderness where ecosystems are influenced primarily by the forces of nature, and (B) as consistent with (A) above, provide a diversity of opportunities for public use, enjoyment and understanding of wilderness so a high quality wilderness resource is preserved for present and future generations.

The proposed action is programmatic in nature and will not result in on the ground actions (further NEPA analysis will be required for on the ground proposals.) The proposed action divides the wilderness into management zones designed to achieve desired wilderness conditions. Class I zones are characterized by an unmodified natural environment where encounters with others are rare and human impact not evident. Class II zones are characterized by a predominantly unmodified natural environment where some human impact is evident (but will recover). Class III zones are characterized by a predominantly unmodified natural environment, however some sites are substantially affected by the actions of users. Encounters with others are common; trails are developed, maintained, and signed.

The proposed action assigns class descriptions to portions of the wilderness depending upon desired conditions. Alternatives might include a map divided into zones favoring human use opportunities, a map divided into zones favoring less human influence on natural processes, and maps displaying zones with a combination of natural processes and human uses. Proposed action maps are available upon request.

In response to existing laws and authorities, the scope of the analysis will not include the following: (1) Fish Stocking. As directed in Forest Service Manual 2323.34, the Regional Forester will develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the state outlining a stocking policy for the High Uintas Wilderness. (2) Livestock Grazing. Grazing decisions (stocking rates, grazing systems, boundary changes, etc.) will continue to be made in Allotment Management Plans or the