

identified with the USDA grademark. Over the years, processors have found it advantageous to market grade-identified poultry products and consumers have come to rely on the USDA grademark as assurance that they are getting the quality they want.

Poultry producers and processors are continually developing new, innovative products. Chicken and turkey, in particular, have been transformed into numerous boneless and/or skinless products, thus increasing poultry's share of the consumer's food dollar and responding to consumer demand for food with more built-in convenience and less fat. Currently, there are grade standards for boneless poultry breasts, thighs, and tenderloins (§ 70.231), as well as for skinless carcasses and parts (§ 70.232). On March 30, 1995, the Agency approved the test marketing of USDA grade-identified, boneless-skinless poultry legs and drumsticks, based on tentative grade standards, through April 1, 1996 (60 FR 16428). And, on June 12, 1995, the Agency approved the test marketing of USDA grade-identified, ready-to-cook, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients, based on tentative grade standards, through June 12, 1996 (60 FR 30830).

The Agency has now been requested by industry to permit the grade identification of cooked, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients. These products include cooked poultry that has been subdivided by cutting, slicing, cubing, or similarly reducing the size prior to grading, products that are currently marketed ungraded because there are no grade standards for them.

The Agency recognizes that before new standards of quality can be established or current standards of quality can be amended, appropriate investigation is needed. This includes the test marketing of experimental packs of grade-identified poultry products to determine production requirements and consumer acceptance, and to permit the collection of other necessary data. Current regulations (7 CFR Part 70) provide the Agency with the flexibility needed to permit such experimentation, so that new procedures and grading techniques may be tested.

The Agency has worked in partnership with members of the industry to develop tentative grade standards for cooked, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients and is granting permission for a 1-year test marketing period. At the expiration of this 1-year period, the Agency will then evaluate the test results to determine if the current

poultry grade standards should be amended, through notice-and-comment procedures, to include the following tentative standards.

**Tentative Grade Standards for Cooked, Boneless-skinless Poultry Products without Added Ingredients—A Quality**

1. The raw, ready-to-cook, boneless-skinless poultry products without added ingredients used to prepare the cooked product must be labeled in accordance with 9 CFR Part 381.

2. The cooked poultry products must be derived from ready-to-cook carcasses or parts that are cooked in accordance with 9 CFR Part 381. The cooking process or method must not detract from the uncooked appearance of the products.

3. The skin and bones shall be removed in a neat manner without undue mutilation of adjacent muscle.

4. The cooked poultry products may be further processed and subdivided by cutting, slicing, cubing, or similarly reducing the size prior to grading. Individual subdivided pieces of poultry meat must be relatively uniform and of sufficient size and shape to determine grade with respect to the quality factors set forth in this section.

5. The cooked poultry products shall be free of cartilage, tendons extending more than 1/2 inch beyond the meat tissue, blood clots, bruises, and discolorations other than slight discolorations, provided they do not detract from the appearance of the product.

6. Trimming and minor flesh abrasions due to preparation techniques are permitted provided they result in a relatively smooth outer surface with no angular cuts, tears, holes, or undue muscle mutilation in the meat portion.

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*Administrator.*

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### Forest Service

#### Deadwood Ecosystem Analysis

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Due to a change in scope and Public Law 104-19, an environmental impact statement for the Deadwood Ecosystem Analysis will not be prepared. The Notice of Intent, published in the Federal Register of September 15, 1994, is hereby

rescinded. An environmental assessment will be completed for the part of the project that meets the definition of a salvage sale. The remaining projects in the analysis area will be analyzed at a later date and documented in an appropriate NEPA document.

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### Gypsy Moth Management in the United States

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice: record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** On January 16, 1996, Forest Service Deputy Chief Joan Comanor and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Deputy Administrator Donald Husnik signed the Record of Decision on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture will carry out its gypsy moth management responsibilities nationally. The Record of Decision adopts alternative 6 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement entitled "Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: a cooperative approach." Alternative 6, includes three management strategies: suppression, eradication, and slow-the-speed treatments. Implementation of this alternative will require that site-specific environmental analyses be conducted to address local issues before Federal or cooperative suppression, eradication, or slow-the-spread treatments are conducted. The site-specific environmental analyses will be tiered to this environmental impact statement which is programmatic in nature.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Alternative 6 was effective January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Record of Decision and the final environmental impact statement are available by writing to John W. Hazel, USDA Forest Service, 5 Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 200, Radnor, PA 19087-4585; or Charles Bare, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road, Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236.

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