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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of the fee for dairy import licenses for the 1997 quota year.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 1997 quota year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$103.00 per license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Warsack, Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1021 or telephone at (202) 720-9439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.34 provide for the issuance of licenses to importers of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of such licenses and the regulations.

The licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy

Import Quota Manager, Import Licensing Group, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (the "Licensing Authority") and the U.S. Customs Service.

Regulations at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provide that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation. The fee is to be based upon the total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during the calendar year preceding the year for which the fee is to be charged, divided by the average number of licenses issued per year for the three years preceding the year for which the fee is to be assessed.

Regulations at 7 CFR 6.33(b) provide that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the Federal Register. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 1997 calendar year.

Notice

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 1996 has been determined to be \$382,225. Of this amount, \$236,201 represents the cost of the staff and supervisory hours devoted directly to administering the licensing system during 1996 (total personnel costs for the Import Licensing Group of the Foreign Agricultural Service equaled \$141,701; a proportionate share of the supervisory costs devoted directly to administering the licensing system equaled \$94,500); \$53,320 represents the total computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses during 1996; and \$92,704 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, postage, publications, forms, and an ADP system contractor.

The average number of licenses issued per year for the three years immediately preceding 1997 has been determined to be 3,710. Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 1997 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$103.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, D.C. the 19th day of July, 1996.

Richard P. Warsack,

Licensing Authority.

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Forest Service

Lost Trail Powder Mountain Ski Area Expansion; Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of expansion of Lost Trail Powder Mountain ski area, including construction of a new ski lodge, a new warming hut facility, two new chair lifts, one surface tow, and several ski runs in the vicinity of Lost Trail Pass. A site specific amendment to the Bitterroot Forest Plan (1987) to change the management area designation for the expansion area is also proposed. The area is located adjacent to the existing ski area facilities near the southern edge of the Bitterroot National Forest, Sula Ranger District, Ravalli County, Montana.

The proposal's actions to construct two short sections of road, a new ski lodge, a new warming hut facility, two chair lifts, a surface tow, and clear ski runs are being considered together because they represent either connected or cumulative actions as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.25). The purposes of the project are to enhance skiing opportunities on the Bitterroot National Forest, provide an affordable family skiing area for the foreseeable future, and contribute to the diversification of the local economies. This project level EIS will tier to the Bitterroot National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and Final EIS (September 1987), which provides overall guidance of land management activities on the Bitterroot National Forest, including recreation management.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before September 9, 1996.