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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-96-00-201]

Notice of Program Continuation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice Inviting Applications for Fiscal Year 1997 Grant Funds Under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for fiscal year 1997. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under the program are invited to submit proposals. While only State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies are eligible to apply for funds, State Agencies are encouraged to involve industry organizations in the development of proposals and the conduct of projects.

DATES: Applications will be accepted through June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be sent to Dr. Larry V. Summers, FSMIP, Staff Officer, Transportation and Marketing Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2949 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Larry V. Summers, (202) 720-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The program is a matching fund program designed to assist State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies in conducting studies or developing innovative approaches related to the marketing of agricultural products. Other organizations interested in the

development of proposals on the conduct of projects should contact their State Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division to discuss their proposal.

Mutually acceptable proposals are submitted by the State Agency and must be accompanied by a completed Standard Form (SF)-424 with SF-424A and SF-424B attached. FSMIP funds may not be used for advertising or, with limited exceptions, for the purchase of equipment or facilities. Guidelines may be obtained from your State Department of Agriculture or the above AMS contact.

States are encouraged to submit proposals aimed at:

(1) Identifying and evaluating new or expanded uses and markets, both domestic and foreign, for food and other agricultural products;

(2) Developing or assessing alternative approaches to cope with increased price volatility and related risks in a market-driven, global economy; and,

(3) Reengineering and experimenting with regard to a variety of public marketing service programs, including but not limited to market news and information, grades and standards, and inspection or certification programs, in order to facilitate efficient and fair trading within increasingly complex and concentrated marketing systems.

Proposals addressing other marketing objectives or issues also will receive consideration.

FSMIP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.156 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Eileen S. Stommes,

Director, Transportation and Marketing Division.

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Forest Service

Forest Plan Amendment 21; Flathead National Forest, Flathead, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, and Powell Counties, State of Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a revised supplement to an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice of Intent to prepare a Revised Supplement to the December 1985, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Flathead National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The revised supplemental environmental impact statement proposes to amend LRMP goals, objectives and standards, as well as LRMP monitoring requirements, for timber and wildlife to ensure maintenance of viable populations of old-growth associated species for the period pending revision of the LRMP, which is anticipated by January 2001. The original Notice of Intent was published June 28, 1990, (55 FR 26475). A revised notice was published April 2, 1992, (57 FR 11283).

This notice revises the scope of the proposed amendment.

DATES: The draft supplement to the EIS is scheduled for public distribution in May of 1997 and the final supplement is scheduled for release in September 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS should be directed to Nancy Warren, Interdisciplinary team leader, or Rodd Richardson, Acting Forest Supervisor, Flathead National Forest, 1935 Third Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901. Phone: (406) 755-5401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 22, 1986, Northern Region, Regional Forester, James C. Overbay issued the Flathead National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and Record of Decision (ROD). The LRMP contains six types of decisions: (1) Forest-wide multiple use goals and objectives; (2) Forest-wide standards and guidelines; (3) establishment of management areas and management area direction; (4) designation of land suitable for timber production; (5) non wilderness allocations and wilderness recommendations; and (6) monitoring and evaluation requirements. The LRMP does not authorize or approve any ground-disturbing activities.

In accordance with 36 CFR 219.19, the LRMP designates three vertebrate species as Management Indicator Species for those species groups most