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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area 2928; Amendment 1]

Oregon; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated February 14, 1997, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Counties of Coos, Douglas, Lake, and Lane in the State of Oregon as a disaster area due to damages caused by winter storms, land and mudslides, and flooding beginning on December 25, 1996 and continuing through January 6, 1997.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Benton, Harney, Lincoln, and Linn in the State of Oregon may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is March 24, 1997, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is October 23, 1997.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area 2927; Amendment 2]

Washington; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated February 6 and 11, 1997, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Counties of Asotin, Clark, Jefferson, Pend Oreille, and Whatcom in the State of Washington as a disaster area due to damages caused by winter storms, land and mudslides, and flooding. This Declaration is further amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on December 26,

1996 and continuing through February 10, 1997.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Garfield in the State of Washington and Columbia in the State of Oregon may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is March 18, 1997, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is October 17, 1997. The economic injury number for the State of Oregon is 935600.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Proposed Out-of-Basin Diversion Policy and Protocol; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Public hearing on addition to comprehensive plan.

SUMMARY: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing in conjunction with its regular meeting on March 20, 1997. This hearing will be for the purpose of receiving public comments on the inclusion of the proposed Out-of-Basin Diversion Policy and Protocol in the Commission's *Comprehensive Plan for Management and Development of the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin*.

Under Section 3.10 of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact, Public Law 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, the Commission must review and approve all diversions of water from the Susquehanna River Basin. Up to this time, the Commission has adopted no formal policy position or statement on how it will evaluate proposed diversions, but has relied on positions articulated in past docket decisions. This policy establishes the principles that the Commission will consider in the approval of diversions and adds a protocol describing how those principles will be applied. Written

comments will also be accepted and made a part of the hearing record.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on March 20, 1997, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. Written comments on the proposed policy should be submitted by March 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, Rt. 15 North, Lewisburg, Pa.. Copies of the entire policy statement and protocol may be obtained upon request to the Commission at 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17102-2391, (717)238-0423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel/Secretary, SRBC, 717-238-0423.

Dated: February 21, 1997.

Richard A. Cairo,

General Counsel/Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Free Trade Area of the Americas; Notice and Request for Views

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to provide views on U.S. objectives for the free trade area of the Americas.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee is issuing this notice to request advice and information useful in the preparation for the meeting of Western Hemisphere trade ministers, to be held on May 16, 1997 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. At the Summit of the Americas, leaders of the Western Hemisphere agreed that countries should conclude negotiation of a "Free Trade Area of the Americas" by 2005. The trade ministers were asked to oversee the negotiation.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, comments must be received no later than: March 24, 1997. This will make them timely for consideration as U.S. positions for the Ministerial meeting are developed. Any comments, however brief, would be welcome. The U.S. Government will continue to welcome advice as work on the FTAA proceeds.

ADDRESSES: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 501, Washington, D.C. 20508.

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