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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-086-2]

Public Meeting; Center for Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is the second notice to producers of veterinary biological products, product users, and other interested persons that we are holding a seventh annual public meeting to discuss current regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. This notice also announces the agenda for the public meeting.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIMES OF MEETING: The seventh annual public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, IA, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16, 1997, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. each day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Inspections and Compliance, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 223 South Walnut Avenue, Ames, IA, telephone (515) 232-5785; fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail kwessmanaphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) previously announced that it was scheduling the seventh annual public meeting on veterinary biologics in Ames, IA, on April 15 and 16, 1997 (See 61 FR 64499, December 5, 1996, docket No. 96-086-1). In its notice for the meeting, APHIS requested interested persons to submit topics to be included in the meeting's agenda. Based on the submissions received and other considerations, the agenda for the

seventh annual meeting includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

1. The Center for Veterinary Biologics;
2. Program activity updates;
3. Postmarketing surveillance;
4. International harmonization;
5. Electronic transmissions;
6. Implementation on 9 CFR 113.8 for in vitro testing;
7. Regulatory reform;
8. Implementation of new standards for antibody products;
9. Informal meetings; and
10. Open discussion.

During the "open discussion" portion of the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to present their views on any matter concerning the APHIS veterinary biologics program. Comments may be either impromptu or prepared. Persons wishing to make a prepared statement should indicate their intention to do so at the time of registration, by indicating the subject of their remarks and the appropriate time they would like to speak. APHIS welcomes and encourages the presentation of comments at the meeting.

"Registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda for the seventh annual public meeting may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Advance registration is required. The deadline for advance registration is March 24, 1997. A block of total rooms has been set aside for this meeting until this date: Early reservations is strongly encouraged.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of March 1997.

Terry L. Medley,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

San Juan Wildlife and Fuels Improvement Projects, Tahoe National Forest; Nevada County, California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS)

for a proposal to implement a Fuels and Wildlife improvement project on the Nevada County Ranger District. This project is intended to utilize vegetative manipulation, biomass removal, and prescribed fire to lower existing fire hazards and improve wildlife habitat in the project area. There will be some timber harvest included in the project to help accomplish desired levels of crown closures and spacing of standing trees. The EIS described herein pertains only to the treatment areas as outlined within the San Juan Project proposals.

The Forest Service gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process that will occur on the Proposed Action so that interested and affected people, along with local, State and other Federal agencies are aware of how they may participate and contribute to the final decision. The Tahoe National Forest invites written input concerning issues specific to the Proposed Action.

The Proposed Action is to establish a series of treatment areas over 2,500 acres along the Graniteville Road north east of Nevada City. The area lies within the Nevada City Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. The proposed project includes 700 acres of prescribed burning, 328 acres of oak culturing, 452 acres of shrub modification, and 1,619 acres of commercial thinning which will generate approximately 5.2 MMBF. The intent of the project is to lower levels of existing living and dead fuels that could contribute to the spread and intensity of a wildlife event in the area. The design of the project will allow the manipulation of the existing stand structure to be done in such a manner that will also enhance wildlife habitat and migration corridors. The exclusion of fire from the area over the past 100 years has affected fire potential and has degraded wildlife habitat due to overgrowth in the area. Alternatives to the proposed action will be developed by March, 1997.

Internal scoping and public comments to date have identified the following issues: Affect of project on California Spotted Owl, Goshawk and deer habitat, effects of timber harvest on soil stability, use of prescribed fire near existing residence, the level of forest products that the project may provide, visual integrity of the area, the stability of affected watersheds and any potential erosion.