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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Public Briefings on Development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting regarding development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security will take place on July 21. Individual comments will be invited on specific actions which should be considered in the subsequent drafting of mini-papers on each of the topic areas listed below. Meetings will also be held September 23 and 24 to brief the public on the draft mini-papers, to respond to questions and receive reactions. The purpose of these meetings is to facilitate public participation in the process of developing the U.S. Action Plan on Food Security.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 21, 1:00–5:00 p.m., and September 23 (domestic topics) and 24 (international topics), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., all in Room 107A, Administration Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the National Food Security Coordinator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 3008 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 10250, telephone (202) 690-0776 or fax (202) 720-6103.

The topic clusters are as follows:

Combined International/Domestic Topics

1. Promote Awareness, Education, and Involvement in Food Security and an Understanding of Root Causes of Food Insecurity; Strengthen Nutrition

- Education and Build Food Security Skills Domestically
2. Human Rights as a Framework for Food Security

Priority Domestic Topics

Themes

- Create and Sustain Partnerships and Networks
- Develop Community-Based Strategies for Achieving Food Security
3. Monitor Food Security and Nutritional Status
4. Research and Evaluation
5. Food Access for All (including maintaining an effective food security safety net)
6. Household Economic Security (including identifying and reducing barriers)
7. Sustainable Agriculture and Environment
8. Safe, Nutritious and Affordable Food and Water

Priority International Topics

9. Measuring Hunger and Mapping Risk
10. Appropriate Research, Education, and Extension for Food Production and Food Systems Economically, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Agriculture
11. Prioritize the Allocation of Foreign Assistance to Promote Food Security Health, Nutrition, and Population Stabilization
- The Role of Women
12. Trade, Food Distribution, and Economic Policy
13. Food Aid to Promote Food Security
14. Maximizing and Targeting Resources

Additional information is available on the FAS home page. (<http://www.fas.usda.gov/icd/summit/summit.html>) or by calling (202) 690-0776.

Signed in Washington, D.C. June 25, 1997.

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Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Establishment of Homochitto Purchase Unit

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of Homochitto Purchase Unit.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture created the 67-acre Homochitto Purchase Unit in Franklin County, Mississippi. A copy of the establishment document, which includes the legal description of the lands within the purchase unit, appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Establishment of this purchase unit was effective May 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map depicting the land within the purchase unit is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Director, Lands Staff, 201 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Craven, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, telephone (202) 205-1248.

Dated: June 20, 1997.

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Homochitto Purchase Unit, Franklin County, Mississippi

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's authority under Section 17, P.L. 94-588 (90 Stat. 2949), the following lands are being added to the Homochitto Purchase Unit:

Lands lying in Township 5 North, Range 4 East, Franklin County, Washington Meridian, Mississippi, and more particularly described as:

All that part of the N¹/₂ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 31 lying South of the Homochitto River, and all that part of the N¹/₂ of the NW¹/₄ of Section 32 lying South of the Homochitto River.

Containing 67 acres, more or less.

These lands are well suited for watershed protection and meet the requirements of the Act of March 1, 1911, as amended.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Brian Eliot Burke,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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