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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Availability for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/797,226, "DNA Sequence Encoding Solanidine UDP-Glucose Glucosyltransferase and Use to Reduce Glycoalkaloids in Solanaceous Plants," filed February 7, 1997, is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant an exclusive license to Small Potatoes, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Small Potatoes, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which

establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-048-1]

National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside in the Conference Center, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. The Committee will meet on July 30-31, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and August 1, 1997, from 8 a.m. to noon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Clay, Associate Deputy Administrator, ADC, APHIS, Mail Stop 3402, Washington, DC 20250-3402, (202) 720-2054.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee (Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture concerning policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Animal Damage Control (ADC) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the ADC program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The meeting will focus on research and research priorities and will be open to the public. However, due to time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the Committee's discussions. Written statements concerning meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Mr. William Clay at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or may be filed at the meeting.

Please refer to Docket No. 97-048-1 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of June 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

St. Joe Weed Control Project; Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the potential environmental effects of using herbicides to treat noxious weeds on the St. Joe Ranger District. Treatment sites would be located at various locations across the district and are within the St. Maries River, St. Joe River, and North Fork of the Clearwater River Ecosystems, St. Joe Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, Idaho. Most treatment sites are located near or along forest roads, trails or developed recreation sites.

The proposed action is designed to treat existing populations of weeds to promote native and/or desirable plants within these ecosystems, treat existing populations of weeds to reduce weed seed sources, eradicate weeds found in identified weed-free zones, comply with laws regarding management of noxious weeds, and cooperate with other agencies and private individuals concerned with the management of weeds. The proposed action would include the use of herbicides as part of an integrated pest management approach to control weeds. An integrated approach includes mechanical, biological, cultural and chemical methods.

The weed species considered for control include spotted knapweed