

Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on August 26 at the Illinois Valley Visitor Center in Cave Junction, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be primarily a field tour.

Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Marbled Murrelet habitat; (2) information management; (3) Regional Ecosystem Office presentation; (4) Forest Service and National Park local issues; (5) Oregon Caves tour; and (6) field stops for mining issues. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens need to contact Chuck Anderson ahead of time for this field trip.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone 541-858-2322.

Dated: August 7, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of field tour.

SUMMARY: The Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on September 25, 1997, at the Cle Elum Ranger District Office, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington. The Provincial Advisory Committee members will meet at the Ranger District Office at 9:00 a.m., then proceed to the field tour in the Swauk Creek drainage area. The tour will end at 4:00 p.m. This field tour will focus primarily on dry forest management projects. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice with Opportunity to Comment.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is proposing to revise the United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas and Lentils. Specifically, GIPSA is proposing to eliminate the classes Persian and Mixed lentils, and to establish a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture. GIPSA is proposing to change these standards to facilitate the marketing of peas and lentils.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to Sharon Vassiliades at

GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3649; faxed to (202) 720-4628; or e-mailed to svassili@fgisdc.usda.gov.

All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

The current United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas and Lentils, along with the proposed changes, is available either through the above addresses or by accessing GIPSA's Home Page on the Internet at: www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sharon Vassiliades at (202) 720-1738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices * * *." GIPSA is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas and Lentils do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

GIPSA is proposing to change the United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas and Lentils using the procedures it published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6705). Specifically, GIPSA is proposing to eliminate the classes Persian and Mixed lentils, and to establish a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture.

GIPSA representatives are continually meeting with pea and lentil producers, processors, handlers, and merchandisers concerning the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils in order to gain a better understanding of their views on changes needed to improve the existing standards. On the basis of comments received and other available information, GIPSA is proposing several changes to the standards.

Classes of Lentils

The present U.S. Standards for Lentils provide for three classes of lentils: Lentils, Persian Lentils, and Mixed