

not limited to, elephants, lions, or tigers), and what training and experience levels trainers and handlers of such animals have. This reopening and extension will provide interested groups and individuals with additional time to prepare comments on the request for information.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments on Docket No. 97-001-1 that are received on or before December 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 97-001-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 97-001-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen Smith, Staff Animal Health Technician, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 24, 1997, we published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 39802, Docket No. 97-001-1) a notice requesting information concerning the training and handling of potentially dangerous wild and exotic animals used in exhibition in order to obtain a better understanding of the issues pertaining to their welfare. Comments on the request for information were required to be received on or before September 22, 1997. On September 22, 1997, we published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 49468-49469, Docket No. 97-001-2) a notice that reopened and extended the comment period for an additional 45 days, to November 6, 1997.

In the notice requesting information, we said we were most interested in receiving information that is in the form of published industry standards, published reports in peer-reviewed journals, studies, and objective scientific data. We have been made aware that several industry associations interested in submitting information have been unable to complete their consultation with members of their associations in order to compile information on accepted industry standards for the handling and training

of exotic or wild animals. We believe this information would be helpful to us in obtaining a better understanding of the issues pertaining to the welfare of exotic or wild animals used in exhibition.

In order that these groups can have time to compile the requested information, we are reopening and extending the comment period on Docket No. 97-001-1 to December 12, 1997. This action will also allow any other interested groups and individuals additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2131-2159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(g).

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

Charles Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on December 1, 1997 at Rock Springs Guest Ranch 7 miles north of Bend, OR. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items include: (1) Completion of comments on the DEIS documents for the Eastside Ecosystem project, (2) Monitoring Reports, (3) Update on Working Groups (4) Open Public Forum. All Deschutes Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mollie Chaudet, Province Liaison, USDA, Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 N. E. 3rd, Bend, Oregon 97701, 541-383-4769.

Sally Collins,

Deschutes National Forest Supervisor.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, August 1, 8, September 5 and 12, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 37192, 41339, 42745, 46944 and 48050) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.
2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.
4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List: