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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Water & Oil Technologies, Inc., of Montgomery, Illinois, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 4,871,556, issued 10/03/89, entitled "Inhibition of Warmed-Over Flavor and Preserving of Uncured Meat Containing Materials." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 1988.

DATES: (**Federal Register**) Comments must be received on or before January 30, 1998.

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 Water & Oil Technologies, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective 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 license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) 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. 97-105-1]

Availability of Horse Protection Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of the availability of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Horse Protection Strategic Plan.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Horse Protection Strategic Plan are available and may be obtained either by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or electronically at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac>. A copy of the strategic plan is also available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect this document are requested to call the reading room in advance at (202) 690-2817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Watkins, Initiatives Coordinator, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-4981.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The practice known as "soring" is the causing of pain in Tennessee Walking Horses and other gaited horses, in order to affect their performance. The Horse Protection Act (HPA) (11 U.S.C. *et seq.*) was enacted for the purpose of eliminating soring by prohibiting the showing, exhibition, transport or sale of sore horses. Exercising its rulemaking and enforcement authority under the HPA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues and

enforces regulations regarding horse protection at title 9, chapter I, part 11, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In 1995, APHIS initiated development of a Horse Protection Strategic Plan, designed to achieve the elimination of soring by strengthening APHIS's relationship with the walking horse industry. APHIS drafted a preliminary Strategic Plan, then convened three public meetings in 1996 to gather comments regarding the plan. The meetings were open forums attended by APHIS personnel, horse industry organization representatives, animal interest groups, and other individuals. APHIS considered all comments received at these forums, and revised its preliminary plan accordingly. We are giving notice that the final Horse Protection Strategic Plan is available to the public.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of November, 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Swamp Timber Sales and Associated Activities; Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana

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 environmental effects of timber harvest (including salvage of beetle-killed lodgepole pine and windthrown trees), prescribed fire, watershed rehabilitation, year-round road restrictions, road obliteration, construction of temporary roads and reconstruction of specified roads in the Swamp Analysis Area on the Fortine Ranger District of the Kootenai National Forest. The Swamp Analysis Area is located approximately 30 air miles northeast of Libby, Montana, near the communities of Trego, Fortine and Eureka, Montana.

The proposed actions to harvest and reforest timber stands, improve stream