

A 60-day comment period is provided for interested persons to comment on this change to the Standards.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

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#### Notice of Program Continuation

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting applications for Fiscal Year 1998 Grant Funds under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for fiscal year 1998. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under the program are invited to submit proposals. While only State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies are eligible to apply for funds, State Agencies are encouraged to involve industry organizations in the development of proposals and the conduct of projects.

**DATES:** Applications will be accepted through June 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals may be sent to Dr. Larry V. Summers, FSMIP, Staff Officer, Transportation and Marketing, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4006 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Larry V. Summers, (202) 720-2704.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The program is a matching fund program designed to assist State Departments of Agriculture or other appropriate State Agencies in conducting studies or developing innovative approaches related to the marketing of agricultural products. Other organizations interested in participating in this program should contact their State Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division to discuss their proposal.

Mutually acceptable proposals are submitted by the State Agency and must be accompanied by a completed Standard Form (SF)-424 with SF-424A and SF-424B attached. FSMIP funds may not be used for advertising or, with limited exceptions, for the purchase of equipment or facilities. Guidelines may be obtained from your State Department of Agriculture or the above AMS contact.

States are encouraged to submit proposals for projects which will:

(1) Assist in identifying and expanding market opportunities for U.S. agricultural products, both domestically and internationally, through the development and market testing of new or improved products and value-adding services;

(2) Address agricultural marketing issues and concerns of particular importance to relatively small, limited-resource farms and rural enterprises; and,

(3) Encourage the development of marketing practices and technologies aimed at improving the quality of agricultural products or the sustainability of natural resources and the environment.

Proposals addressing other marketing objectives or issues also will receive consideration.

FSMIP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.156 and subject Agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for Intermountain Region, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217. The intended

effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

**DATES:** Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after March 1, 1996. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until October 1996 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald W. Murphy, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, phone (801) 625-5274.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR parts 215 and 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

The legal notice is to identify: The decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In addition, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

#### Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho:

*The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, Idaho

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada:

*The Reno Gazette-Journal*, Reno, Nevada

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming:

*Casper Star-Tribune*, Casper, Wyoming

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Utah: