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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Conference Call Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board conference call meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting by conference call of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-127), has scheduled a conference call meeting on February 3, 1998. The meeting agenda will focus on development of preliminary priorities for agricultural research, extension, education, and economics. The following list of high priority initiatives has been suggested to date. These initiatives are: Education and Outreach Initiative, National Agricultural Genome Initiative; Emerging Animal and Plant Issues—Preparedness & Response Initiative; Precision Agriculture Initiative; Added Value and New Use Products Initiative; and Nutrition Research Initiative. The Advisory Board members will also discuss how public communication and environmental stewardship issues can be addressed as overarching priorities.

DATE OF CONFERENCE CALL: February 3, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: The conference call will be initiated by the Officers and

Executive Committee of the Advisory Board and will involve all available Advisory Board members.

Comments: The public may file written comments to the preliminary list of initiatives for research, extension, education, and economics by Friday, February 6, 1998, with the contact person listed below. Public written comments will be considered by the Advisory Board at the March 11-13, 1998, meeting in Washington, D.C. (to be announced soon in the **Federal Register**). Also, these written comments will be available in the Advisory Board minutes of the February 3 conference call meeting and will be maintained in the public file of the Office of the Advisory Board, REE, USDA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Office of the Advisory Board, Room 3918 South, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of January 22, 1998.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the information previously published in a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** of December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67327) listing 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 Part 215 and 36 CFR 217. The earlier document listed the wrong effective dates. This notice gives a

corrected effective date for publication of legal notices.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers in the December 24, 1997, (62 FR 67327) notice will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after Feb. 1, 1998, and remain in effect until October 1998 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Jack A. Blackwell,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Diamond Lake Drawdown, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, Oregon

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) that addresses the impacts associated with the temporary drawdown of Diamond Lake in 1999. Diamond Lake is approximately 80 air miles northeast of Medford, Oregon, on the Diamond Lake Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. The proposed action, which was put forth by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W), will lower the level of Diamond Lake approximately seven (7) feet. This drawdown will allow the ODF&W to treat the Lake with rotenone in September of 1999 in order to remove an undesirable baitfish known as the tui chub. The chub, which is believed to have been illegally introduced into the lake within the past ten years, has populated the Lake to the extent that it is adversely affecting the favored rainbow trout. Prior to the introduction of the tui chub, Diamond Lake was recognized as a premier trout fishery in Southern Oregon.

The Forest Service began internal scoping of this proposal in November of 1997. The public was given notice of the proposal in January of 1998 through the Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions. An informational letter with a copy of the ODF&W proposal was mailed to interested publics in January as part of