

partnership. Therefore, all LLC members, including corporations or other entities, must be identified on the firm's PACA license application. If a member is a corporation or other legal entity, more information, such as the names of officers of the corporation or other data, will be required by AMS. PACA license applications submitted by LLCs should include organizational information about the company, including, but not limited to, documentation filed with the state in which the LLC is legally established, such as its articles of organization and its operating agreement. Only one member's signature is required to make a valid PACA application. In addition, just as is required of other legal entities, if the articles of organization or the operating agreements change, the LLC should notify AMS' PACA Branch as soon as possible and the LLC should submit revised documents to the PACA Branch.

The LLC business structure has become widely accepted throughout the United States as a new legal entity. AMS is hereby providing notice to all current and future licensees that certain information is required in order to obtain a license as an LLC under the PACA. In addition, notice is given to all LLC members that they are presumed to be "responsibly connected" persons and to all LLC managers, who are not also members, that they are potentially "responsibly connected" persons. The "responsibly connected" status of LLC managers will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the terms of the LLC's operating agreement and the ways in which the person's status is analogous to that of an officer, director or shareholder of a corporation. Therefore, both members and managers may be subject to PACA sanctions if the Act is violated by the LLC.

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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 Protein Scientific, Inc./The Protein Group, of Portland, Maine, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,071,763 issued on December 10, 1991, and the Divisional U.S. Patent No. 5,198,351 issued on March 30, 1993, both entitled "Lactose Hydrolysis by Mutant *Streptococcus thermophilus*." Notice of availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,071,763 was published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 1992, and notice of availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,198,351 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1991.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

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 Protein Scientific, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive 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 exclusive license may be granted unless, by June 14, 1999, 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.,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Public Perceptions of Land Use Change

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to establish a new information collection. The new collection will help the Forest Service meet the needs and expectations

of the people who live and work along the Interstate-90 (I-90) corridor, within and in proximity to, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests. Respondents will include wildlife, silviculture, timber, land planning, wildland conservation, business, and development professionals, biologists, and residents along the I-90 corridor.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Linda Kruger, Research Social Scientist, Seattle Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Forest Service, USDA, 4043 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, Washington 98105 or email lkruger/r6pnw_seattle@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Kruger, Seattle Forestry Sciences Laboratory, at (206) 553-7817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests are in close proximity to the large, rapidly expanding Seattle, Washington, area. Urban residents and businesses are making more demands on nearby National Forest lands. Many urban residents in this metropolitan area are moving to rural communities or forested housing developments in an attempt to enjoy the natural environment of the Pacific Northwest, while maintaining access to a vibrant urban center. Multiple interests, such as recreation, tourism, housing, access to a vibrant urban center. Multiple interests, such as recreation, tourism, housing, private-sector businesses, timber, wildlife, and conservation are competing for use, within and in proximity to, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests along the Washington State I-90 corridor. This competition and increased demand have already resulted in new ski resorts, recreational facilities, shopping malls, increased resistance to timber harvesting, and heavier traffic and congestion.

Data from this information collection will be considered when revising land and resource management plans and will help the Forest Service meet multiple-use land management needs of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forest lands in close proximity to the Washington State I-90 corridor.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the new information collection:

Title: Public Perceptions of Land Use Change.