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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Public Meetings of Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that meetings of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee) will be held to discuss ways to increase opportunities for these producers.

DATES: The public meetings will be held August 31–September 2, 1999. The first meeting on August 31, 1999, will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.; on September 1, 1999, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.; the September 2, 1999, meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. All meetings will be held at the Westin Hotel, 2350 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Attendance is open to all interested persons but limited to space available. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should submit their request in writing (letter, fax, or e-mail) to Mark Falcone at the address listed below. Statements should be received no later than 12:00 noon EDT on Thursday, August 26, 1999. Requests should include the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. The floor will be open to oral presentations beginning at 1:00 p.m. on September 1, 1999. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes, and presenters will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

ADDRESSES: Statements or comments should be sent to Mark Falcone, Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning

Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5438–S, STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250–0522; telephone (202) 720–1632; FAX (202) 690–1117; e-mail mfalcone@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Falcone at (202) 720–1632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–554) required the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on: (1) The development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers required by Section 309 (i) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (this program consists of Federal and State beginning farmer programs that provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers); (2) methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program; (3) methods of encouraging States to participate in the program; (4) the administration of the program; and (5) other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities.

Departmental Regulation 1042–119 dated November 25, 1998, formally established the Committee and designated the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide support. The Committee is comprised of 18 members appointed by the Secretary. Members represent the following groups: (1) FSA; (2) State beginning farmer programs; (3) commercial lenders; (4) private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer programs; (5) the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; (6) educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers; (7) other entities providing lending or technical assistance for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers; and (8) farmers and ranchers. The Committee will meet at least once a year and all meetings will be open to the public. The duration of the Committee is indefinite.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Mr. Falcone at the address specified above, by COB August 26, 1999.

Signed in Washington, DC on August 5, 1999.

James C. Kearney,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Upper Pipe Creek Timber Sale and Associated Activities; Kootenia National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On December 28, 1998, a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Upper Pipe Creek Timber Sale and Associated Activities appeared in the **Federal Register** (FR, December 28, 1998, Volume 63, Number 248, Pages 71442–71444). The Upper Pipe Creek Timber Sale will be incorporated into the Pipe Creek Timber Sale; therefore, the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Upper Pipe Creek Timber Sale and Associated Activities is being withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirsten Kaiser, Project Coordinator, Libby Ranger District. Phone: (406) 293–7773.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on August 25 and 26, 1999, at the City Hall in Fort Bragg, California. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m.