

protecting or restoring the environment. Subject to further determination by the Secretary of the Treasury, this determination permits grant payment recipients to exclude from gross income, for Federal income tax purposes, all or part of such payments made under the South Dakota Petroleum Release Compensation Fund.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 2, 1998.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-98-305]

United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Tangerines and the United States Standards for Grades of Lemons

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening and extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period on proposed changes to the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Tangerines and the United States Standards for Grades of Lemons is reopened and extended.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to Kenneth R. Mizelle, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2065, South Building, STOP 0240, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; faxed to (202) 720-8871; or e-mailed to fpb.docketclerk@usda.gov.

Comments should reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours.

The current grade standards for these citrus crops, along with proposed changes, are available either through the above addresses or by accessing AMS' Home Page on the Internet at

www.ams.usda.gov/standards/frutmrkt.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Mizelle at (202) 720-2185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 32666; June 17, 1999) requesting comments on changes to the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona), United States Standards for Grades of Tangerines and the United States Standards for Grades of Lemons. The notice would change the standards to provide a minimum 25-count sample to be applied to tolerances for defects. Additionally, to promote greater uniformity and consistency in the standards, AMS proposed further revisions which will bring the standards into conformity with current cultural and marketing practices. The comment period ended August 16, 1999.

A request from an industry association representing wholesale receivers requested that additional time be provided for interested persons to comment on the proposed changes. The association intended to comment but did not do so prior to the close of the comment period. The association believes that its response, on behalf of wholesale agricultural receivers, is critical to the evaluation of any proposed standards changes.

After reviewing the request, the Department is reopening and extending the comment period in order to allow sufficient time for all interested persons, including the association, to file comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Robert C. Keeney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Spar and Lake Forest Health Project Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, MT

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) for the Spar and Lake Forest Health Project to disclose the effects of timber management, prescribed fire, and road management

including reconstruction, Best Management Practices (BMP) compliance, and decommissioning. The Spar and Lake project area encompasses the Lake Creek drainage immediately south of Troy, Montana, including Iron, Keeler, Twilight, Stanley, Ross, Camp, Madge, Spring and Noggle drainages as well as several small tributaries to Lake Creek. The purpose and need for action is to: (1) Improve overall forest health by stimulating natural processes that encourage more stable and resilient conditions. This includes salvaging trees with high levels of mortality from insect and disease as well as addressing stand density and species competition concerns; (2) Improve winter range conditions; (3) Improve growing conditions and long term management options for overstocked sapling/pole stands; (4) Improve water quality; and (5) Provide a sustained yield of timber.

The DEIS is expected to be filed with the EPA and available for public review by February, 2000.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the analysis should be sent to Michael L. Balboni, District Ranger, Three Rivers Ranger District, 1437 Hwy 2, Troy, MT 59935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Michael Donald, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Three Rivers Ranger District, Phone: (406) 295-4693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area is approximately 135,000 acres and has a favorable climate and good site conditions for forest vegetation. Proposed activities within the decision area include portions of the following areas: T28N, R33W, sec 2, 4-8; T28N, R34W, sec 1-4, 11, 12; T29N, R33W, sec 3, 4, 6, 9, 18, 19; T29N, R34W, sec 1-3, 8, 11, 13, 15-17, 23-25, 27, 34, 35; T30N, R33W, sec 19, 27, 30, 31, 33; T30N, R34W, sec 1, 3, 10-17, 20-28, 30, 32-35; T31N, R33W, sec 20; and T31N, R34W, sec 34. Activities would take place in Management Areas (MA) 2, 8, 10, 10og, 11, 12, 13, 18, 18og, 19, 24 as defined by the Kootenai National Forest Plan. Average annual precipitation ranges from 29 to 100 inches. At the higher elevations, most precipitation falls as snow. The Lake creek valley is a unique combination of open-growth ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir, multistoried western larch/Douglas-fir, and dense stands of western red cedar and western hemlock with pockets of lodgepole pine. The upland areas vary from even-aged Douglas-fir/