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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-00-200]

Notice of Program Continuation; Correction

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is correcting a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2000. The notice announces that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for Fiscal Year 2000; however, pertinent information in the **SUMMARY** and **DATES** sections of the notice was omitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FSMIP Staff, Transportation and Marketing, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4006 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

AMS published a notice that appeared in the January 12, 2000 **Federal Register** at 65 FR 1846. The notice announced that the FSMIP was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for fiscal year 2000. Pertinent information in the **SUMMARY** and **DATES** sections of the notice was omitted. In the **SUMMARY**, a reference to community-based organizations was omitted. In the **DATES** section, reference to a two-round consideration of proposals was not made. Accordingly, this document makes the appropriate corrections to those sections of the notice.

Correction

In FR Doc. 00-714, published on January 12, 2000, on page 1846, first

column, the **SUMMARY** and **DATES** sections are corrected to read: "SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for FY 2000. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under this 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 groups and community-based organizations in the development of proposals and the conduct of projects." and "DATES: Funds will be allocated on the basis of two rounds of consideration. Proposals received by February 18, 2000 will be considered during the first round. Proposals which are not selected for funding during the first round and other proposals received by May 1, 2000 will be considered during the second round."

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Eileen Stommes,

Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Fernow Experimental Forest, Tucker County, WV

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed research activities on the Fernow Experimental Forest. The purpose of the proposed research is to evaluate the effectiveness of silvicultural tools that include cutting and prescribed burning on central Appalachian forests. The goal of the proposed research is to improve understanding about and management of central Appalachian hardwood forests.

The 4700-acre Fernow Experimental Forest is situated inside the parameters of the Monongahela National Forest in

Tucker County, West Virginia. These proposed research activities are in compliance with the Monongahela National Forest Management Plan, which provides overall guidance for management of the area, including direction for management of the Fernow Experimental Forest. Public comment is invited on the scope of the analysis that should be conducted and on the identification of alternatives.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing and received by March 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the scope of the proposed research activities should be directed to Dr. Mary Beth Adams, Project Leader and Responsible Official, Timber and Watershed Laboratory, P.O. Box 404, Parsons, WV 26287.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (304) 478-8692 or by e-mail to madams/r9_monong@fs.fed.us. Comments received in response to this notice, including name and address part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Project Leader, Timber and Watershed Laboratory, Nursery Bottom, Parsons, West Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Beth Adams, Project Leader, Timber and Watershed Laboratory, at (304) 478-2000, ext. 130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The charter of the Fernow Experimental Forest is to facilitate ecological research on the central Appalachian forests. The 4700-acre Fernow Experimental Forest (the Forest) is situated inside the parameters of the Monongahela National Forest and is located south of Parsons, West Virginia. The Forest is administered by the Forest Service Northeastern Research Station, Research Work Unit NE-4353, "Sustainable Forest Ecosystems in the Central Appalachians." The Research Work Unit is located at the Timber and Watershed Laboratory in Parsons, West Virginia. The mission of this research unit is: (1) To explain the role of natural and human-induced factors in sustaining central Appalachian forest ecosystems and (2) to provide guidelines for managing central Appalachian forests for a range of