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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (ACAB).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACAB has scheduled its first meeting on March 29–30, 2000. The ACAB consists of 38 members representing the biotechnology industry, conventional, sustainable, and organic farmers, food manufacturers, commodity processors and shippers, environmental and consumer groups, along with academic researchers as well as experts on consumer attitudes, bioethics, and legal issues. In addition, representatives from the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Interior, and State, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative will serve as “ex officio” members. The Committee meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on each day. The topics to be discussed will include: (1) Rules of procedure for the ACAB; (2) ongoing biotechnology-related activities at USDA; (3) assessment of informational needs of ACAB members; (4) priority issues for USDA for consideration by the ACAB; and (5) views of ACAB members regarding the work of the committee and appropriate topics for discussion by the ACAB.

Persons wishing to file written comments must do so by May 1, 2000. Comments should be sent to Dr. Michael Schechtman at the address indicated

below. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should also inform Dr. Schechtman in writing at the indicated address at least three business days before the meeting. On March 30, 2000, if time permits, reasonable provision will be made for oral presentations of no more than five minutes each in duration.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held in the Atrium Ballroom in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 on March 29–30, 2000, from 8:30 am to 5 pm each day. The meeting will be open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend the meetings, you must register by contacting Ms. Dianne Harmon at (202) 720–4074, by fax at (202) 720–3191 or by E-mail at [dharmmon@ars.usda.gov](mailto:dharmmon@ars.usda.gov) at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, telephone, and fax number when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720–3817; Fax (202) 690–4265; E-mail [michael.g.schechtman@usda.gov](mailto:michael.g.schechtman@usda.gov).

Dated: March 9, 2000.

**Edward B. Knipling,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Boundary Establishment for Upper Deschutes National Wild and Scenic River, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Upper Deschutes

National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information may be obtained by contacting Walt Miller, 1645 Hwy 20 East; Bend, OR 97701, 541–388–2715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River boundary is available for review at the following offices:

USDA Forest Service, Recreation, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20024

Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 333 SW, First Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Hwy 20 East, Bend, OR 97701.

The Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Law 100–557) of October 28, 1988, designated the Upper Deschutes River, Oregon, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. The final decision on delineation of a river corridor boundary is based on the Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River Record of Decision and final EIS dated July 25, 1996. Unless changed by Congress, the boundary decision will be implemented ninety days after Congress receives this transmittal.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Nancy Graybeal,**

*Deputy Regional Forester.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Boundary Establishment for Metolius National Wild and Scenic River, Deschutes National Forest, Jefferson County, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Metolius National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information may be obtained by contacting Walt Miller, 1645 Hwy 20 East, Bend, OR 97701.