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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, Agriculture.

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 fourth meeting of the ACAB has been scheduled for April 17–18, 2001. The topics to be discussed will include: (1) Continued discussion on the roles and activities of the USDA's public plant breeding program; (2) continued discussion on gene flow from transgenic crops to other plants and current and potential USDA roles in addressing the issues presented; and (3) developing a framework for discussion of biotechnology budget priorities. There will in addition be several updates on current biotechnology developments, including the Starlink® corn situation, and on ongoing USDA biotechnology-related activities. Background information regarding the work of the ACAB is available on the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov/agencies/biotech/acab.html>. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should also inform Dr. Schechtman in writing or via E-mail at the indicated addresses at least three business days before the meeting. On April 17, 2001, 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 New Hampshire Room at the Wyndham City Center Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire

Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037, on April 17–18, 2001. The meeting is scheduled to run from 8:30 am until 5:30 pm on both April 17 and 18. 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. Vanessa Simon at (202) 690–8647, by fax at (202) 720–3191 or by E-mail at vsimon@ars.usda.gov at least 5 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 mschechtman@ars.usda.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Deschutes Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Deschutes PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on April 11, 2001 at the Warm Springs Power Enterprises Conference Room located at 5180 Jackson Trail Road in Warm Springs, Oregon. A business meeting will begin at 9:30 am and finish at 4:00 pm. Agenda items will include a Review of Subcommittee Work and Finalize Goals and Actions, Monitoring Presentation and Q&A, Info Sharing and a Public Forum from 3:30 pm till 4:00 pm. All Deschutes Province Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mollie Chaudet, Province Liaison,

USDA, Bent-Ft. Rock Ranger District, 1230 N.E. 3rd., Bend, OR, 97701, Phone (541) 416–6872.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

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Deschutes National Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Section 502 Rural Housing Demonstration Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 29, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria L. Denson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone 202–720–1474. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Section 502 Rural Housing Demonstration Program.

OMB Number: 0575–0114.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under Section 506 (b), RHS may provide loans for innovative housing units and systems which do not meet existing published standards, rules, regulations or policies. The intended effect is to increase the availability of affordable rural housing for low-income families through innovative designs and systems.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 80 hours to