

and EC live animal and animal product trade.

The objective of the Agreement is to facilitate trade in live animals and animal products between the EC and United States by establishing a mechanism for the recognition of equivalence of sanitary measures maintained by each Party consistent with the protection of public and animal health and to improve communication and cooperation on sanitary measures.

The Agreement calls for a Joint Management Committee to meet each year and identify progress and set priorities on outstanding issues for the future. Prior to the Joint Management Committee meeting currently scheduled for June 2001, the U.S. Government would like to receive input from U.S. industries on priority areas for immediate and future attention. The U.S. Government is requesting input on general U.S. negotiating objectives, particularly item-specific export priorities under the VEA. This would include specific sanitary measures and certification issues that currently impede or prohibit trade or potential regulatory changes that would facilitate trade in live animals and animal products. Input received will be considered by the Executive Branch in formulating U.S. positions and objectives in this area.

A complete copy of the agreement can be viewed on the FDA International Cooperative Agreements Web Site at: <http://www.fda.gov/oia/default.htm>. The document is the second listed under the European Community and is titled "Veterinary Equivalence Framework Agreement."

Public Meeting

The public meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, back of the cafeteria, South Building. All visitors should enter at Wing 2 on the C Street side of the South Building. To accommodate all public meeting participants, we request that individuals planning to attend should so inform the Department in advance by contacting: Foreign Agricultural Service, International Trade Policy, Europe, Africa and Middle East Division, Stop 1024, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; phone: (202) 720-1340; facsimile: (202) 690-2079. Please indicate the organization represented, if any, including the names and titles of individuals attending.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact FAS at the above location as soon as possible.

Signed at Washington, DC on May 2, 2001.

Mattie R. Sharpless,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for an amendment to the Finger Lakes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan; Schuyler Country, New York

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: On March 26, 1999, Finger Lakes National Forest District Ranger, Martha Twarkins, set forth a proposal to amend the 1987 Finger Lakes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). In mid May of 2001, Acting Forest Supervisor Tamara Malone (responsible official) plans to make the resultant Environmental Assessment available for a 30 day public comment period. Copies of the environmental Assessment will be available upon request. The current preferred alternative (the Mountain Bike Alternative), would relocate a one mile portion of the No-Tan-Takto Trail from off of a busy town road and onto newly acquired land. The newly acquired land would be classified into Management Area 3.1, (which emphasizes evenaged timber management and roaded natural recreation). It would also allow for mountain bike use on the Trail. All comments received will be evaluated, and may result in supplementation of the Environmental Assessment or be incorporated into the final decision.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6, 453 FR 55990) and National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning regulations (36 CFR 219.35, 65 FR 6745145)).

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ADDRESSES: Send requests for documents to: Forest Supervisor, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Zimmer, Forester/ Recreation Planner, at 607-546-4470 ext. 311 TDD 607-546-4476; or direct electronic mail to: czimmer@fs.fed.us.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Tamara S. Malone, Acting Forest Supervisor, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment would apply to the No-Tan-Takto Trail and 71 acres of newly acquired land on the Finger Lakes National Forest in the form of amending the Land and Resource Management Plan to allow for Mountain use on the No-Tan-Takto Trail as well as long term management of the newly acquired lands. This is a non-significant amendment.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Tamara S. Malone,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative; Notice of finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794), has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a project proposed by Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) of Marion, Illinois. The project consists of re-powering of Units 1 through 3 located at Marion Generating Station owned by SIPC. The three existing coal fired boilers will be replaced with a new Circulating