

2002-CROP SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS—Continued

[Revised January 2003]

	Previous allotment/allocation	Change ¹	Revised allotment/allocation
Louisiana	1,329,764	1,148	1,330,912
Texas	144,815	13,057	157,872
Hawaii	318,829	0	318,829
Puerto Rico	6,171	0	6,171
Total Cane Sugar	3,515,050	228,250	3,743,300
Beet Processors' Marketing Allocations			
Amalgamated Sugar Co	918,627	56,618	975,245
American Crystal Sugar Co	1,496,229	97,491	1,593,720
Holly Sugar Corp	280,786	18,233	299,019
Michigan Sugar Co	281,689	17,361	299,050
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op	275,076	16,953	292,029
Monitor Sugar Co	161,414	9,948	171,362
Pacific Northwest Sugar Co	15,000	7,314	22,314
So. Minn. Beet Sugar Co-op	283,250	17,458	300,708
Western Sugar Co	417,051	26,748	443,799
Wyoming Sugar Co	55,828	3,626	59,454
Total Beet Sugar	4,184,950	271,750	4,456,700
Cane Processors' Marketing Allocations			
Florida	1,715,471	214,045	1,929,516
Atlantic Sugar Assoc	146,856	-1,987	144,869
Growers Co-op. of Florida	311,681	39,165	350,846
Okeelanta Corp	322,318	66,984	389,302
Osceola Farms Co	194,060	33,255	227,315
Talisman Sugar Corp	54,066	5,594	59,660
U.S. Sugar Corp	686,490	71,034	757,524
Louisiana	1,329,764	1,148	1,330,912
Alma Plantation	74,299	3,519	77,818
Caire & Graugnard	5,344	253	5,597
Cajun Sugar Co-op	92,119	5,526	97,645
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co	117,083	-553	116,530
Evan Hall Factory	2,670	127	2,797
Harry Laws & Co	56,709	1,472	58,181
Iberia Sugar Co-op	65,460	-2,662	62,798
Jeanerette Sugar Co	60,904	2,401	63,305
Lafourche Sugars Corp	69,216	3,278	72,494
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op	83,052	-271	82,781
Lula Westfield, LLC	148,265	-5,120	143,145
M.A. Patout & Sons	174,963	-1,026	173,937
Raceland Sugars	81,195	-3,113	78,082
St. Mary Sugar Co-op	88,675	4,200	92,875
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op	119,930	-4,832	115,098
Sterling Sugars	89,881	-2,051	87,830
Texas	144,815	13,057	157,872
Hawaii	318,829	0	318,829
Gay & Robinson, Inc	62,163	0	62,163
Hawaiian Commercial	256,666	0	256,666
Puerto Rico	6,171	0	6,171
Agraso	3,984	0	3,984
Roig	2,187	0	2,187

¹ Includes changes due to the 500,000-ton increase in the overall allotment quantity and, for cane states and sugarcane processors, changes due to updated 2002-crop production forecasts.

Signed in Washington, DC on January 31, 2003.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Refined Sugar Re-Export Program

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will conduct a public meeting to review program operations for granting re-export credits to licensed refiners for shipments of sugar to Mexico. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: FAS will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 5066 of the USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. All times are eastern daylight time.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Import Policies and Programs Division, FAS, (202) 720-2916.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2003.

Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Helena National Forest, Lewis & Clark County, MT; North Belts Travel Plan

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Helena National Forest is proposing a revision of the existing year-round travel management plan in the northern portion of the Big Belt Mountains and portions of the Dry Range on the Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts. This travel plan will include analysis on roads and trails regarding year-round and seasonal, open and closed motorized and non-motorized routes. In addition, potential travel corridors connecting roads and trails are being considered. This EIS will be prepared displaying the anticipated effects of the above activities to the resources and human uses of the analysis area. Closure methods will be identified and improvement projects to rehabilitate routes will be analyzed. The North Belts Travel Planning area includes about 190,000 acres from the Forest boundary north of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness south to about the southern boundary of the Confederate Gulch drainage and portions of the Dry Range.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by March 14, 2003. The draft EIS is expected April 2003 and the final EIS is expected April 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or for further information, mail correspondence to or call Beth Ihle—

Team Leader, Townsend Ranger District, 415 S. Front, Townsend, MT 59644 (Phone 406-266-3425) or Chuck Neal—Travel Planner, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59601 (Phone 406-449-5201).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History of Previous Efforts

Travel Plan efforts for the North Belts originally was initiated in 1997, which included vegetation management and noxious weed treatments. A draft EIS called the North Belts Travel Plan/Magpie-confederate Vegetation Restoration Project was issued in March 1999. Alternatives were developed addressing travel plan issues from public input. In the summer of 2000, a major fire burned over 29,000 acres within the North Belts analysis area creating a substantial change. Due to this changed condition, travel plan efforts were to be separated from the vegetation and noxious weed components of the 1999 draft EIS. Restoration of the burned over area followed by a Forest-wide Roads Analysis Plan took priority over travel management plans. This renewed effort has taken into consideration the changed conditions and change in management direction in regard to travel planning and has also considered and incorporated public input from the previous attempts. Opportunity for additional comments is presented in this process.

Purpose and Need for Action

The Helena National Forest has identified the need for the North Belts Travel Management Plan to address a variety of year-round motorized and non-motorized recreation uses as well as access for administrative and permitted uses and for private lands. These needs will be balanced while meeting needs for fish and wildlife habitats and soil and watershed health, and prevention of noxious weed spread as directed by the Helena Forest Plan.

Proposed Action

Features of the proposed action include the following elements:

1. Open or closed periods for routes are simplified to the following:
 - a. Yearlong open or closed,
 - b. October 15—December 1: closed for big-game security, and
 - c. December 2—May 15 open or closed for winter range.

Other closures will be managed as unique situations occur and will utilize special orders or other methods to respond to them, e.g. spring thaw.

2. Open and closed routes and areas are proposed for snowmobiles area.

However, in big-game winter range, snowmobiles will be allowed on designated routes only.

3. As part of the process, users may help identify "corridors" where future construction could connect existing routes and provide specific kinds of recreational opportunities.
4. Proposal includes new road construction (about 1.5 miles) and new non-motorized trail construction (about .25 miles). In addition, trail and road reconstruction, and development of trailheads and information kiosks would be included in the proposal.
5. Four route types are included:
 - a. Roads open to vehicles meeting requirements of State laws,
 - b. Motorized trails open to vehicles 50 inches wide or less,
 - c. Non-motorized trails, and
 - d. Snowmobile use.
6. Site-specific road rehabilitation projects such as culvert replacement, correcting drainage problems and localized road relocations are included.
7. Vehicle access within 300 ft. of an open, designated road is allowed primarily to access dispersed camping sites, but also for other uses as long as it does not result in resource damage such as rutting of soils, hill climbing, noxious weed infestations, fording of streams, crossing of meadows, etc.
8. In lynx habitat, the proposal does not result in a net increase in designated over the snow routes and snowmobile play areas.

Responsible Official

Tom Clifford—Forest Supervisor, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59601.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Whether or not to implement the proposed action or an alternative to the proposed action including the following decisions:

- Which areas, roads, and trails are appropriate for what types of public motorized and non-motorized travel,
- Which areas, roads, and trails should have seasonal restrictions to protect wildlife or other resources,
- What types of closures and/or rehabilitation methods should be used on year-round closed routes,
- What segments of new trail construction and new trailhead facilities are needed,
- Which road maintenance and repairs are needed to address watershed issues,
- What type of access is needed to private ownership within the Forest boundary,