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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-03-01]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are: May 13, 2003, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and May 14, 2003, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on April 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel and Suites, The Travis Room, 111 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas. Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting, or written comments may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at katherine.benham@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mathews, Program Manager, National Organic Program, (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a

substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Accreditation, Crops, Livestock, Materials, Processing, and International.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 47 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 246 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on October 19-20, 2002, in Washington, DC.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to: receive an update from the USDA/NOP, receive various committee reports, hear a presentation from USDA, AMS Audit Review and Compliance Branch, receive reports from the Board Policy Task Force, Composting Task Force, and Inerts Task Force, and review materials to determine if they should be included on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances.

The Livestock Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommendations on breeder stock replacement; fiber bearing animal standards; dairy animal replacement standards; clarification of requirements for reviewing livestock materials; and review of Ivermectin for removal from, and review of Benzimidazole for addition, to the National List (parasiticides). The Livestock Committee will also report on alternative feed supplements to DL-Methionine. The Materials Committee will explain the materials review process and report on the status of current petitioned materials. The Materials Committee will also present

for NOSB consideration 15 materials for possible inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Processing Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommendations regarding the food contact substance policy, and clarification of the use of chlorine in direct contact with organic food. The Processing Committee will also present a report on differentiation of handling and processing for producers and retailers. The Crops Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommended guidance document for hydroponic production. Finally, the Accreditation Committee will present for NOSB consideration its recommendation on minor non-compliances.

Materials to be reviewed at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows: for Crop Production: Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol, Potassium Silicate, Phosphoric Acid, and Glycerine Oleate/Glycerine Monooleate; for Livestock Production: Proteinated Chelates, Calcium Propionate, Furosemide, Mineral Oil, Atropine, and Moxidectin; and for Processing: Egg White Lysozyme, Nitrous Oxide, Malic Acid, Sodium Acid Pyrophosphate, and Microorganisms.

For further information, see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Ms. Katherine Benham by telephone at (202) 205-7806; or by accessing the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, from 9 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.; and Wednesday, May 14, 2003, from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting may forward their request by facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7808. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing.

Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation.

Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available documents prior to the meeting. Approximately 6 weeks following the meeting interested persons will be able to visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site to view documents from the meeting.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ash Creek Fire Salvage, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In notice document 03-6686 on page 13666 in the issue of Thursday, March 20, 2003, make the following corrections:

In the third column the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** was previously listed as Alan Baurman. This should be changed to read Alan Baumann.

The last sentence in the first paragraph of **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** the legal description of Planning Area should be changed. The legal description of Planning Area should read—The Planning Area includes all or portions of sections 27-29 and 32-34 of T. 28 S., R.1 E; sections 3-9, 16-21, 29-31 of T. 29 S., R.1 E; sections 13-14, 22-27, 35-36, of T. 29 S., R.1 W; and sections 1-2 of T. 30 S., R. 1W, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

James A. Caplan,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Crook County Resource Advisory Committee, Sundance, Wyoming, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Black Hills National Forests' Crook County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, May 19, 2003, in Sundance, Wyoming for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on May 19, begins at 6:30 p.m., at U.S. Forest Service, Bearlodge Ranger District Office, 121 South 21st Street, Sundance, Wyoming. Agenda topics will include Bearlodge Fuel Break, watershed and wildlife Projects, Sundance Campground tree planting and updates on April's actions. A public forum will begin at 8:30 p.m. (MT).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kozel, Bearlodge District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (307) 283-1361.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Steve Kozel,

Bearlodge District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, Susanville, CA, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lassen National Forest Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, 2003, in Susanville, California for a business meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting begins May 8, 2003 at

9 a.m., at the Lassen National Forest Headquarters Office, Caribou Conference Room, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130. Agenda topics will include: review previous meeting minutes and approve, RAC member/sub-committee reports, report from Annual National Forest Counties & School Coalition Conference; monitoring of approved projects; work plan for next cycle; possible date for field trip to one of the projects. Time will also be set aside for public comments at the end of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Andrews, Eagle Lake District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (530) 257-4188; or RAC Coordinator, Heidi Perry, at (530) 252-6604.

Edward C. Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, May 22, 2003. The purpose of this meeting is to provide orientation to Advisory Committee members, and to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center Learning Center (back entrance), 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, c/o District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to jingersoll@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Ingersoll, District Ranger, Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after