

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.72 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers, handlers, certifying agents, inspectors and State, Local or Tribal governments and interested parties.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,766.

Estimated Number of Responses: 345,912.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 17.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 593,523.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Richard H. Mathews, Program Manager, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-TM-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4008-S0., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250 or via the Internet at: Paperwork@usda.gov, or by fax at: (202) 205-7808. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address. Also, all comments to this notice will be available for viewing on the NOP homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501-6522.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-034N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring two public meetings. The first meeting will be held on October 22, 2003, to review and receive comments in preparation to develop draft U.S. positions, and the second will be held on November 12, 2003, to provide information and receive public comments on the U.S. Draft positions for agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), which will be held in Brisbane, Australia, December 1-5, 2003. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties with information on the Twelfth Session of CCFICS and to address items on the Agenda.

DATES: The public meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, November 12, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held in Room 1A001 of the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy, College Park, MD (green line, College Park Metro stop).

To receive copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also become available via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>. If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Clerk and reference Docket #03-034N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Kennard, Staff Officer, U.S. Codex

Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 720-5261, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex.

The Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems was established to develop principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems to facilitate trade through harmonization and to supply safe and quality foods to consumers. The CCFICS develops principles and guidelines for the application of measures by competent authorities to provide assurance that food comply with essential requirements. Additionally, the CCFICS develops guidelines for quality assurance systems to ensure that foods conform with essential requirements.

The following issues will be discussed during the public meetings:

1. Proposed Draft Revision to the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information on Food Control Emergency Situations.
2. Discussion Paper on Traceability/Product Tracing in the Context of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems.
3. Discussion Paper on the Judgment of Equivalence of Technical Regulations Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems.

Additional Public Notification

Public involvement in all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice and informed about the mechanism for providing their

comments, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on line through the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

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Done at Washington, DC, on October 2, 2003.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted petitions filed by the Catfish Farmers of America, Indianola, Mississippi; Rutledge & Rutledge, Newport, Arkansas; and the Western Regional Chapter of Kentucky Aquaculture Association, Farmington, Kentucky, for trade adjustment assistance. The groups represent catfish producers in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South

Carolina, Texas, and Utah. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of fresh, chilled, or frozen catfish fillets, contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices of 20 percent or more during calendar 2002. If the determination is positive, all catfish farmers represented by the petitioners will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kirkwood Mountain Resort's 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan; Eldorado National Forest, Placer County, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

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

SUMMARY: The Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing proposed improvements outlined in Kirkwood Mountain Resort's 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan, which provides for long-range planning on National Forest System lands with Kirkwood's Special Use Permit (SUP) area. The August 2001 Mountain Master Development Plan was slightly revised in September 2003 in order to accurately reflect Kirkwood's 2003 Specific Plan, which was recently approved via the California Environmental Policy Act review process, and provides for long-range development of private lands within the Kirkwood community. Therefore, the August 2001 Mountain Master Development Plan will be referred to as the 2003 MMDP. The projects detailed within the 2003 MMDP were evaluated cumulatively within the 2003 Kirkwood Recirculated Revised Final Environmental Impact Report.

The 2003 MMDP provides a detailed account of the Kirkwood's existing and potential recreational assets, constraints, and future needs. Kirkwood is seeking site-specific NEPA review of all projects

identified in the 2003 MMDP which, if approved, could be implemented within five to eight years.

The 2003 MMDP focuses on enhancing the recreational experience at Kirkwood by providing for improvements to: the lift and terrain network; on-mountain guest services; snowmaking coverage; infrastructure; and non-skiing/riding activities. Due to the nature of Kirkwood's lift and terrain network, some of the proposals contained in the 2003 MMDP overlap onto adjacent, private property; however, all proposals for NFS lands are confined to Kirkwood's existing SUP area, and the SUP area is not proposed for expansion or modification.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope and implementation of this proposal should be received by November 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Anthony Botello, Project Leader, Eldorado National Forest, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA 95666, (209) 295-5998 Fax

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments about this EIS should be directed to Anthony Botello, at the above address, or call him at (209) 295-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Kirkwood's Alpine comfortable carrying capacity (CCC—defined as the optimum number of guests accommodated by a resort at any one time, which affords a high quality recreational experience) is derived from the resort's combined uphill hourly capacity and the estimated demand for vertical transport. The 2003 MMDP proposes to increase Alpine CCC at Kirkwood from 6,460 guests to 9,300 guests.

Six existing aerial lifts are proposed for upgrades and/or realignments, including: Caples Crest (Chair 2)—which would be renamed "Flying Carpet" with full implementation of the 2003 MMDP; Iron Horse (Chair 3); Sunrise (4); Solitude (Chair 5); Wagon Wheel (Chair 10); and Reut (Chair 11). Two new chairlifts are proposed—Caples Crest Express and Thimble Peak (lifts A and C, respectively), as well as four new surface lifts—Look Out Vista (Lift B), Covered Wagon (Lift D), Red Cliffs (Lift E) and a snowplay lift. Proposed aerial and surface lifts would provide access to existing hike-to terrain within Kirkwood's SUP area.

Proposed terrain additions and improvements are proposed within Kirkwood's SUP area which would increase Kirkwood's formalized (*i.e.*, named) trail network from approximately 567 acres to approximately 781 acres. (Off-piste (*i.e.*, natural/ungroomed) terrain is not