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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

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 denied a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on December 4, 2003, by the U.S. Rice Producers Association, Houston, Texas.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that increasing imports of rice did not contribute importantly to the decline in domestic producer prices during the August 2002—July 2003 marketing year. Key factors contributing to the decline, according to an investigation conducted for the Administrator, were the growth in U.S. production and increased carry-in stocks of U.S.-produced rice. Increases in rice imports had only a minimal impact on the decline in domestic producer prices, because most imports are varieties of rice not produced in the United States and thus not directly competitive with U.S. rice production.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, E-mail: trade.assistance@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on February 2, 2004 in Weaverville, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of Title II projects under Pub. L. 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 2, 2004 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Public Utilities District Conference Room, 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Andersen, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Shasta Trinity National Forests, P.O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA 96093. Phone: (530) 623-1709. E-mail: jandersen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will focus on developing a strategy for selecting Title II projects for implementation in Fiscal Year 2005. There will also be brief presentations about the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and Stewardship contracting. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: January 7, 2004.

Jean M. Hawthorne,

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

[FR Doc. 04-629 Filed 1-12-04; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ouachita-Ozark Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Ouachita-Ozark Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self

Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Ouachita-Ozark Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393. Topics to be discussed include: Scott County Title II projects and next meeting dates and agendas.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 29, 2004, beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at approximately 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Scott County Courthouse, 100 W. First Street, Waldron, AR 71958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Mitchell, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Ouachita National Forest, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902. (501-321-5318).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff, Committee members, and elected officials. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who made written requests by January 28, 2004, will have the opportunity to address the committee at that session. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Bill Pell, DFO, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

Bill Pell,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Deposting of Stockyards

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are deposing four stockyards. These facilities can no longer be used as stockyards and, therefore, are no longer required to be posted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202) defines the term “stockyard” as follows:

* * * any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the

stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard is subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201–203 and 205–217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice.

We deposit a stockyard when the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard. Some of the reasons a facility can no longer be used as a stockyard include: the facility has been moved and the posted facility is abandoned, the facility has been torn down or otherwise destroyed, such as by fire, the facility is dilapidated beyond repair, or the facility has been converted and its function changed.

This document notifies the public that the following four stockyards no longer meet the definition of stockyard and that we are deposing the facilities.

| Facility No. | Stockyard name and location | Date posted |
|--------------|---|-------------------|
| CO–151 | Western Slope Livestock Auction, Montrose, Colorado | January 26, 1984. |
| ID–125 | Weiser Livestock Commision, Weiser, Idaho | March 29, 1950. |
| MO–228 | Nixa Livestock Auction Co., Nixa, Missouri | October 24, 1972. |
| TX–165 | Ennis Livestock Market Co., Ennis, Texas | January 09, 1957. |

Effective Date

This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** because it relieves a restriction and, therefore, may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 202.

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Dairyland Power Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in connection with possible impacts related to a project being proposed by Dairyland

Power Cooperative, Inc. (DPC), of La Crosse, Wisconsin. The proposal consists of the construction and operation of a coal-fired electric generation facility, consisting of a single 400 Megawatt (MW) unit, at a site in Mitchell or Chickasaw Counties, Iowa.

DATES: RUS will conduct the public scoping meetings in an open-house format on January 28, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Pinicon Restaurant, Highway 63 and 18 South, in New Hampton, Iowa, and on January 29, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church, 212 North Main Street, in St. Ansgar, Iowa.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250–1571, telephone: (202) 720–1414 or e-mail: nurul.islam@usda.gov, or Rob Palmberg, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Inc., 3200 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54602–0817, telephone: (608) 788–4000, extension 483 or e-mail: rmp@dairynet.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DPC proposes to construct and operate a 400 MW coal-fired electric generation facility at one of two sites in northeast Iowa. The Otranto site is located approximately 6 miles north of St.

Ansgar in Mitchell County. The New Hampton site is located approximately 4 miles east of New Hampton in Chickasaw County. Construction of the project will require interconnection with existing electric transmission lines, the upgrade of existing electric transmission lines and/or the construction of new electric transmission lines. The schedule developed by DPC would place the facility in commercial operation by the spring of 2009. Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, purchased power, load management, renewable energy sources, distributed generation, and alternative site locations. Comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing within 30 days after the January 29, 2004, meeting to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

The DPC and their consultants have prepared an alternatives evaluation and a site selection study for the proposed project. The studies are available for public review at RUS or DPC, at the addresses provided in this notice. These studies are also available at the public libraries in St. Ansgar and New Hampton. Please consult local notices for locations.

From information provided in the studies mentioned above, input that