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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 a petition filed by a group of shrimp producers in Arizona. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing year beginning January 2002 and ending December 2003. If the determination is positive, all Arizona shrimp producers 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: January 29, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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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 a petition filed by the Michigan Fish Producers' Association, Caseville, Michigan, for trade adjustment assistance. The group represents channel catfish fishermen. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of catfish contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices of more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning January 2003 and ending December 2003. If the determination is positive, all Michigan channel catfish fishermen will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

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Dated: January 30, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed 3 Basins Timber Sale; Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bear Lake and Caribou Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to document the analysis and disclose the environmental impacts of proposed actions of harvesting timber, constructing, reconstruction, and obliterating roads, and regenerating new stands of trees in the Cheatbeck Basin, Middle Cheatbeck Basin and South Cheatbeck Basin areas of the Caribou National Forest in bear Lake and Caribou counties of Idaho. The proposed project is located within the following legal description:

Township 10 South Range 41 East, Sections 35 and 36
Township 11 South Range 41 East, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13
Township 11 South Range 42 East, Sections 7 and 18, Boise Meridian.

Implementing regeneration harvests on timbered sands will provide an Allowable Sale Quantity of sawlogs to industry. The proposed action will aid in moving timbered stands towards the desired future conditions (DFC) for lodgepole pine and aspen/conifer by simulating natural patch sizes and shapes, enhancing and maintaining aspen, and improving stand structure and composition on suitable timberlands within the greater Cheatbeck Basin area.

Montpelier Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest proposes to mechanically harvest timber from approximately 590 acres, of this approximately 80 acres is within the Soda Peak Roadless Area #04171. The Revised Forest Plan (RFP) for the Caribou National Forest (February 2003) has assigned a prescription of 5.2-forest vegetation management, to all of the acreage proposed for treatment. This prescription emphasizes wood-fiber production, timber growth and yield while maintaining or restoring forested ecosystem processes and functions (RFP 4-71). Mechanical harvest will be accomplished by clearcutting and leaving reserve islands and groups of trees to simulate the patterns of a mixed severity fire, and to serve as the seed source for natural regeneration. All acreages, following harvest, will be broadcast burned to reduce the fuel loading and to accomplish site preparation for natural regeneration. The size of some of the proposed clearcuts will exceed the 40-acre maximum and are contingent upon Regional Forester approval.

In addition, the use of prescribed fire for aspen restoration, without pretreatment by logging, is proposed on approximately 118 acres of aspen/conifer within Soda Peak Roadless area.

Proposed, new road construction, in non-roadless areas, totals approximately 0.8 miles. Total temporary road construction is estimated to be 1.4 miles of which 1.1 miles is in non-roadless areas, with an estimated 0.3 miles of temporary new road construction in the Soda Peak Roadless Area. A total of approximately 0.8 miles of road obliteration is proposed as well. No net increase in motorized travel miles is proposed. Two potential haul routes, totaling approximately 17.0 miles will also be analyzed.