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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

TAP was authorized, but not funded, by section 10201 *et seq.* of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) (7 U.S.C. 8201 *et seq.*) to provide assistance to eligible orchardists to replant trees, bushes and vines that were grown for the production of an annual crop and were lost due to a natural disaster. This notice sets out a special program within TAP for certain fruit tree losses due to an ice storm in New York. Section 756(a) of Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-199) provided that the Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$5,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide assistance under TAP to compensate tree-fruit growers in a federally-declared disaster area in the State of New York who suffered tree losses in 2003 as the result of an April 4-6, 2003, ice storm. Assistance will be provided subject to regulations and restrictions governing the TAP provided for in the 2002 Act. Those regulations were published March 2, 2004 (69 FR 9744) and are found at 7 CFR part 783. Also, the restrictions of the statute apply. Those include a requirement of replanting, a limitation on payments by "person," a limitation on acres for which relief can be claimed, a requirement that the loss be tied to a natural disaster, and others. If, after the claims filed during the allowed period set out in this notice are received and the available funds are less than the eligible claims, a proration will be made. Claims are limited to the lesser of the established practice rates or 75 percent of the actual costs for eligible replantings after adjusting for normal mortality. In addition, the reimbursement for those plantings cannot exceed the reasonable cost of those replantings as determined by FSA. There are other statutory restrictions. Under current law, no "person" as defined by reference to program regulations can receive, cumulatively, for all TAP claims for all commodities over the life of the program as administered pursuant to the general authority of the 2002 Act, a total of \$75,000. Also, and cumulatively, no

person, for all TAP claims for all commodities over the life of the administration of the program, can, under current law, receive benefits for losses on more than 500 acres. All other restrictions of the TAP regulations and statute apply as well. Other requirements may also apply.

Applications

Applications may be accepted at any time before the ending date set by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA. That date, unless modified by the Deputy Administrator, shall be May 14, 2004. Only producers with losses in federally-declared disaster counties may file an application. The counties are Cayuga, Chenango, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Schenectady, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates.

Application forms are available for TAP at FSA county offices or on the Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov. A complete application for TAP benefits and related supporting documentation must be submitted to the county office before the deadline.

A complete application will include all of the following:

- (1) A form provided by FSA;
- (2) A written estimate of the number of fruit trees lost or damaged which is prepared by the owner or someone who is a qualified expert, as determined by the FSA county committee;
- (3) The number of acres on which the loss was suffered;
- (4) Sufficient evidence of the loss to allow the county committee to calculate whether an eligible loss occurred; and
- (5) Other information as requested or required by regulation.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 25, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on May 13, 2004. The meeting will be held at Mason County's Public Utility Department auditorium at 307 West Cota Street, Shelton,

Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: Approve minutes of previous meeting; consider modifications to By-laws; review process for making nominations for RAC membership for fiscal years 2005-2007; review status of prior year Title III projects; review status of prior year Title II projects; present project proposals for FY 2005; select projects and priorities to recommend to Designated Federal Official for approval; and receive public comments.

DATE: The meeting will be held May 13, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Mason County's Public Utility Department auditorium at 307 West Cota Street, Shelton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Eldredge, RAC Liaison, USDA, Olympic National Forest Headquarters, 1835 Black Lake Blvd., Olympia, WA 98512-5623, (360) 956-2323 or Dale Hom, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official, at (360) 956-2301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Committee discussion is limited to committee members, Forest Service representatives and project sponsors. However, persons who wish to comment on meeting proceedings and project proposals will be given time during the public comment time. Individuals who would like time on the agenda must sign-in before the start of the meeting, stating they would like to comment. Comments must be brief, less than 5 minutes and to the point.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

Dale Hom,

Forest Supervisor, Olympic National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Grays Harbor Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Grays Harbor Resource Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on May 13, 2004. The meeting will be held at Hoquiam Library at 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, Washington. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at approximately 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to: approve