

mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request of Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2004.

Michael W. Yost,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets: Nominations

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that nominations are being sought for fifteen (15) qualified persons to serve on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets (the Committee). The role of the Committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The Committee also advises USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in emerging markets in food and rural business systems and reviews proposals submitted to the Program for funding technical assistance activities.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) by 5 p.m. on May 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All nominating materials should be sent to Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4932—Stop 1042, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 720-9361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in serving on the Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, by telephone (202) 720-4327, by fax (202) 720-9361, or by electronic mail to emo@fas.usda.gov and request Form AD-755 and Form SF-181. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's

Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is authorized by section 1542 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, as amended. The overall purpose of the Committee is to provide USDA with information that may be useful in carrying out the provisions of the Emerging Markets Program. The Committee is composed of representatives of the various sectors of the food and rural business systems of the United States. More information about the purpose and function of the Committee and about the Emerging Markets Program may be found at the FAS/Emerging Markets Program Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.html>. Form AD-755 is required and is available on the EMP home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/Form%20AD-755.doc>. Form SF-181 is requested, but optional, and is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/sf181.pdf>. The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Committee members serve without compensation, but can receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend committee meetings, if requested, in accordance with USDA travel regulations.

The Committee has a balanced membership of up to 20 members, representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. agricultural and agribusiness industry. All appointments will expire two years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.

Most meetings will be held in Washington, DC, though other locations may be selected on an occasional basis. Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the Committee will be discussing issues, the disclosure of which justify closing all or a portion of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the work of the Committee takes into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the interest of minorities, women and persons with disabilities.

Members should have experience, expertise and knowledge of

international agriculture and of trade and development issues as they affect emerging markets. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association or other entity has a right to representation on the Committee. In making selections, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation of the various broad industries within the United States as well as geographic diversity.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability (NOA) Record of Decision (ROD) for the Clarification of Provisions Relating to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy in the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan; National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl; Western Oregon and Washington, and Northwestern California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability of record of decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and the National Forest Management Act, the USDI Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service announce the decision to amend selected portions of the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) of the Northwest Forest Plan is intended to maintain or restore watersheds. The Under Secretary of Agriculture and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior have made limited changes to clarify how to implement the ACS. Projects needed to achieve Northwest Forest Plan goals have been delayed or stopped due to misapplication of certain passages in the ACS. The agencies are responding to the underlying need for increased agency success planning and implementing projects, to the extent that the current