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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Nutrition 21, Inc. of Purchase, New York, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 6,689,383, "Chromium-Histidine Complexes as Nutrient Supplements," issued on February 10, 2003. Notice of Availability of this invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on March 13, 2001.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Nutrition 21, Inc. of Purchase, New York, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice,

the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Umatilla National Forest, Garfield County, Washington; Upper Charley Subwatershed Ecosystem Restoration Projects

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice of intent initiates a Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan amendment to incorporate the Lynx Conservation Assessment and Strategy (LCAS, August 2000) in support of the site-specific project called Upper Charley Subwatershed Ecosystem Restoration Projects (**Federal Register**, vol. 67, no. 91, page 31801).

DATES: Comments concerning this proposed action must be received by September 20, 2004. The draft environmental impact statement is expected November 2004 and the final environmental impact statement is expected spring 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Responsible Official, Jeff Blackwood, Forest Supervisor, Umatilla National Forest, 2517 S.W. Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801. Send electronic comments to: comments-pacificnorthwest.umatilla@fs.fed.us. For further information, mail correspondence to Monte Fujishin, District Ranger, Pomeroy Ranger District, 71 West Main Street, Pomeroy, WA 99347.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Canada lynx (*Lynx Canadensis*) was listed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act on March 24, 2000 (**Federal Register**, vol. 65, no. 58). In the final rule, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans lack guidance for the conservation of lynx. In August 2000 the USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, and USDI Fish and Wildlife Service issued "The Lynx Conservation Assessment and Strategy" (LCAS) to provide a consistent and effective approach to conserve lynx on federal lands.

The notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Upper Charley Subwatershed Ecosystem Restoration Projects appeared in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 1998 (vol. 63, no. 164, pages 45220-45222). Notification of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was printed in the **Federal Register** on April 21, 2000 (vol. 65, no. 78, page 21418). On May 10, 2002, Pomeroy District Ranger Monte Fujishin issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for Upper Charley Subwatershed Ecosystem Restoration Projects (**Federal Register**, vol. 67, no. 91, page 31801). On May 21, 2003 Oregon Natural Resources Council Fund (ONRC) filed a complaint in U.S. District Court against Linda Goodman, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region; and United States Forest Service. The complaint stated the Umatilla Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) lacks guidance for the conservation of Canada lynx. Forest Supervisor, Jeff Blackwood decided to amend the Forest Plan and begin the amendment process with this Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The supplemental statement will provide additional analysis and documentation in support of the May 2002 Upper Charley Subwatershed Ecosystem Restoration Projects Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Purpose and Need for Action

The Forest Plan amendment will provide management direction (objectives, standards, and guidelines) to guide the conservation of Canada lynx consistent with new science and the Endangered Species Act. Specific management direction needs to be added to fulfill our obligations under the Endangered Species Act as applied