

Background

FSIS administers the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031–1056). The Agency's current activities are intended to prevent the distribution in domestic and foreign commerce, as human food, of unwholesome, adulterated, or misbranded pasteurized egg products.

For the past several years, FSIS and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have been developing a joint and coordinated strategy to more effectively deal with egg safety. Pursuant to this coordinated strategy, FDA recently published a proposed rule that would require shell egg producers to implement measures to prevent SE from contaminating eggs on the farm (69 FR 56823, Sept. 22, 2004). FSIS, in turn, is focusing its pathogen reduction efforts on egg products plants and egg handling operations that pasteurize shell eggs.

To better evaluate potential mitigations for reducing the public health impact of SE and *Salmonella* spp., as well as improve the safety of pasteurized shell eggs and liquid egg products, FSIS has developed two draft quantitative risk assessments on SE in shell eggs and *Salmonella* spp. in liquid egg products. These draft risk assessments build upon the 1998 joint FSIS–FDA *Salmonella* Enteritidis Risk Assessment (SERA), which was developed to establish the risk of SE in shell eggs and *Salmonella* spp. in liquid egg products to human health and to identify and evaluate potential risk reduction strategies. However, the 1998 SERA did not have sufficient data to provide a scientific basis for FSIS to develop egg safety standards for egg products.

Since 1998, new data have become available that has allowed FSIS to develop risk assessments that are more useful for developing FSIS performance standards for SE in pasteurized shell eggs and *Salmonella* spp. in liquid egg products. This new information includes data collected from a national baseline survey conducted by FSIS to measure *Salmonella* levels in liquid egg products and data collected by the University of Nebraska on the lethality kinetics of *Salmonella* spp. in a wide variety of liquid egg products. These draft risk assessments provide important data that the Agency intends to use in deciding what pathogen reduction lethality standards to propose for the processing of pasteurized shell eggs and pasteurized egg products.

FSIS requests comment on these draft risk assessments and will hold a public meeting to discuss and seek input on them on October 22, 2004, at (see

ADDRESSES above). The draft risk assessments will be made available for review on October 15, 2004, when they will be posted on the FSIS Web site.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

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Barbara J. Masters,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Province Advisory Committee will meet in Corvallis, OR, October 14, 2004. The theme of the meeting is Introduction/Overview/Business Planning. The agenda includes: PAC Subcommittee Updates, RiverPrize Update, Special Forest Products, 2005 Meeting Theme/Agenda/Dates, Public Comment and Round Robin.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 14, 2004, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Siuslaw National Forest

Headquarters, 4077 SW. Research Way, Corvallis, Oregon, 97333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joni Quarnstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541–750–7075, or write to Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor, P.O. Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Council Discussion is limited to Forest Service/BLM staff and Council Members. Lunch will be on your own. A public input session will be at 2 p.m. for fifteen minutes. The meeting is expected to adjourn around 3 p.m.

Dated: September 29, 2004.

Michael A. Harvey,

Assistant Recreational Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) approval of minutes, (3) public comment, (4) chairman report, (5) new members welcome, (6) review of projects funded to date, (7) general discussion, (8) next agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 14, 2004 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Jim Giachino, DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, P.O. Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968–5329; Email ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. 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. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by October 12, 2004 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: September 29, 2004.

James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Integrated Resource Contracts FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of interim contracts, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is implementing Integrated Resource Contracts, FS-2400-13, for use when timber products are measured after harvest, and FS-2400-13T, for use when timber products are measured before harvest. The contracts are for use in stewardship end result contracting pursuant to section 323 of Public Law 108-7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution (16 U.S.C. 2104 note), when the value of timber exceeds the cost of service work. Except for additions addressing new stewardship contracting authorities, both contracts parallel the recently revised Timber Sale Contracts FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T which became effective upon notice in the **Federal Register** on May 6, 2004 (69 FR 25367). The Integrated Resource Contracts are available electronically and in paper copy, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Comments received will be considered when the Forest Service prepares the final Integrated Resource Contracts.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by mail to USDA Forest Service, Director Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1103, Washington, DC 20250-0003; via e-mail to:

integratedresourcecontracts@fs.fed.us; or via facsimile to (202) 205-1045.

Comments may also be submitted via the World Wide Web Internet Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments including names and addresses when provided are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The Integrated Resource Contracts are available for public review on the Forest Service World Wide Web/Internet site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/projects/stewardship/contracts>.

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Alternatively, these can be viewed in the office of the Director of Forest Management, Third Floor, Northwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-0893 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Fitzgerald, Forest Management Staff, (202) 205-1753, or Lathrop Smith, Forest Management Staff, (202) 205-0858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 323 of Public Law 108-7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution (16 U.S.C. 2104 note), established new authorities for stewardship contracting not addressed in existing Forest Service timber sale contract forms. In general, the new authorities allow the Forest Service to enter into stewardship contracts with public or private entities or persons to perform services to achieve land management goals for National Forest System lands that meet local and rural community needs. By combining components of both service and timber sale contracts into a single integrated resource contract the value of timber or other forest products removed can be used as an offset against the cost of services received. Integrated Resource Contracts FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T are for use with stewardship end result contracting when the value of timber exceeds the cost of service work. Except where they deviate to address the new authorities and the limitation of compensation in the event of a sovereign act that would affect a stewardship contract, the FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T contracts parallel the recently revised Timber Sale Contracts FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T which became effective upon notice in the **Federal Register** on May 6, 2004 (69 FR 25367). The revisions were the first substantive changes to the standard timber sale contract provisions in over 30 years. A notice with request for comment on the proposed FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T contract revisions was published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70758). The Forest Service made appropriate changes to the contracts in response to the public comments and those are incorporated in the FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T contracts as well. Timber Sale Contracts FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T are available on the World Wide Web/Internet site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/infocenter/newcontracts/index.shtml>.

Description of Interim Integrated Resource Contracts FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T

Integrated Resource Contracts FS-2400-13 and FS-2400-13T were patterned after the FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T contracts respectively. However, in order to address new authorities in section 323 of Public Law 108-7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution (16 U.S.C. 2104 note), the following conditions and provisions were added to the Integrated Resource Contracts:

1. *E/ET.2.2 Stewardship Credits.* These are credits that the contractor will establish for performing stewardship work. These may be used to pay for included timber value subject to certain limits set in the contract.

2. *E/ET.2.2.1 Progress Estimate.* This requires the Forest Service to make timely estimates of a contractor's progress on stewardship projects.

3. *E/ET.2.2.2 Excess Stewardship Credits.* In the event that stewardship credits exceed the value of timber, the Forest Service may either add more timber, or make a cash payment to the contractor for unused stewardship credits.

4. *E/ET.2.2.3 Excess Timber Value.* In the event that the value of included timber exceeds the value of mandatory stewardship projects, the Forest Service may authorize additional optional projects if any were identified and/or require a cash payment from the contractor for excess timber value.

5. *E/ET.2.2.4 Cash Payment for Stewardship Projects.* In lieu of providing timber for established stewardship credits, Forest Service may elect to provide the contractor a cash payment.

6. *G/GT.3.1.1 Technical Proposal.* This replaces B/BT.6.311 Plan of Operations in the FS-2400-6 and FS-2400-6T timber sale contracts. Bidders will be required to submit a technical proposal detailing how they will perform the contract work. This provision makes the technical proposal from the accepted bidder a binding part of the contract.

7. *G/GT.9 Stewardship Projects.* This provision requires the contractor to perform all mandatory stewardship projects listed in the specific conditions section of the contract and addresses procedures for identifying optional projects to include.

8. *G/GT.9.1 Refund of Unused Stewardship Credits.* This provision provides for making a refund to the contractor for any unused stewardship credits in event that the Contracting Officer requests that the contractor