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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Domestic Sugar Program—2004-Crop Cane Sugar and Sugar Beet Marketing Allotments and Company Allocations

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is issuing this notice which sets forth the establishment and adjustments to the sugar overall allotment quantity for the 2004 crop year (FY 2005) which runs from October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005. Although CCC already announced all of the information in this notice, CCC is statutorily required to publish in the *Federal Register* determinations establishing or adjusting sugar marketing allotments. CCC set the 2004-crop overall allotment quantity (OAQ) of domestic sugar to 8.100 million short tons raw value (STRV) on July 16, 2004. On September 28, 2004, CCC allocated the allotments to cane-producing States and allocations to cane and beet sugar processors. On April 29, 2005, CCC revised State cane sugar allotments and cane sugar processor allocations to reflect updated FY 2005 raw cane production forecasts. On June 30, 2005, CCC further revised State cane sugar allotments and cane sugar processor allocations to reflect updated raw cane production forecasts. On August 19, August 30 and September 9, 2005, CCC increased the 2004-crop OAQ by 250,000, 225,000 and 105,000 STRV, respectively, to release blocked refined beet sugar stocks into the tight summer market. Because the cane sector was unable to fulfill its share of the allotment increases on each occasion, the cane shortfall was reassigned first to the CCC inventory and then to imports, as required by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 359b(b)(1) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1359bb(a)(1) requires the Secretary to establish, by the beginning of each crop year, an appropriate allotment for the marketing by processors of sugar processed from sugar beets and from domestically produced cane sugar at a level the Secretary estimates will result in no forfeitures of sugar to the CCC under the loan program.

Because Puerto Rico forecast zero production for the 2004 crop, its FY 2005 allotment was reassigned to all other cane processors based on their respective shares of the cane sugar allotment. However, Hawaii did not receive a share of Puerto Rico's reassigned allotment because it was not expected to use all of its own allotment.

When CCC announced an 8.100 million ton OAQ in July 2004, it noted the existence of sugar market uncertainties and that the OAQ could be adjusted as warranted. In April and June, based on updated production, imports, marketing and stocks forecasts in the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates April and June reports (WASDE), CCC merely transferred perceived excess state allotments from Louisiana and Hawaii to Florida and Texas. However, as the severe shortage of sugar became more evident with each summer WASDE report, CCC incrementally released more sugar into the domestic market via OAQ and import increases.

On August 12, 2005, when anomalies in the market indicated a much tighter supply than earlier anticipated, CCC increased the FY 2005 OAQ by 250,000 STRV. On August 19, 2005, the OAQ increase was allotted to cane states and allocated to cane and beet processors and the cane sugar sector supply shortfall was estimated at 141,567 STRV. Of this, 17,120 STRV was reassigned to the CCC inventory (FY 2004 forfeited sugar sold in FY 2005), 40,000 STRV to NAFTA tier 2 imports, and 84,447 STRV to the FY 2005 raw Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ).

Because the domestic sugar shortage continued to persist due to Hurricane Katrina, CCC increased the FY 2005 OAQ another 225,000 tons on August 30, 2005. Since the CCC inventory had been sold, the cane sector shortfall of 102,713 tons was reassigned to imports; another 70,000 tons to tier 2 imports, 22,000 tons for early release of the FY 2006 refined sugar minimum TRQ, and 10,713 tons for later reassignment to the FY 2006 refined TRQ.

Still, as threats continued from domestic sugar users of factory closings due to refined sugar shortages, CCC increased the FY 2005 OAQ another 105,000 tons on September 9 to release all deliverable refined beet sugar stocks into the market. At the same time, CCC increased, for early entry, the FY 2006 refined TRQ another 75,000 tons, of which 47,933 tons counted against the cane sector's FY 2005 production shortfall.

Whenever marketing allotments are in effect and the quantity of sugarcane estimated to be produced in Louisiana, plus a reasonable carryover, exceeds the marketing allotment allocation for Louisiana, CCC is required to limit the amount of sugarcane acreage that may be harvested in Louisiana for sugar or seed. This limitation is referred to as a "proportionate share" and is applied to each farm's sugarcane acreage base to determine the quantity of sugarcane that may be harvested on that farm. Because production was expected to be excessive in Louisiana, CCC determined that the proportionate share of a sugarcane acreage base that could be harvested in Louisiana for sugar or seed for the 2004 crop year to be 83.4 percent of each farm's sugarcane acreage base. However, when CCC increased the OAQ on August 12, 2005, CCC determined that Louisiana and the whole cane sector could not fill its FY 2004 crops and Louisiana's proportionate shares were suspended for the 2004 crop.

These actions apply to all domestic sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005. The established 2004-crop beet and cane sugar marketing allotments are listed in the following table, along with the adjustments that have occurred since:

Signed in Washington, DC on October 6, 2005.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Durango Mountain Resort 2004 Master Development Plan; San Juan National Forest; La Plata County, CO****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the anticipated environmental effects of the Durango Mountain Resort (DMR) 2004 Master Development Plan. The MDP includes plans to upgrade and expand DMR within the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) area to achieve a balance of guest service facilities and skiing opportunities with existing and proposed visitation, thereby enhancing the quality of the recreation experience. Additionally, the proposal includes

plans to upgrade and increase the multiple use trails network on NFS lands, due to the displacement of multiple use trails on private lands from approved DMR base area development; and develop a trailhead to include toilet facilities and parking on the east side of Highway 550, outside of DMR's SUP area.

The major aspects of the Proposed Action include:

- Replace existing lifts 2 and 8 with higher capacity lifts along their existing alignments, and shorten Lift 6 along its same alignment while utilizing the same lift equipment.
- Install one six-person lift (Lift 11), five three or four-person chairlifts (lifts 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17), one surface beginner lift (Lift 15), and four lateral surface (transfer lifts—T1, T2, T2' and T3).
- Construct new roads to access Lift 11 top terminal (1,000 feet), Lift 2 bottom terminal (250 feet), Lift 14 top terminal (800 feet), and Lift 16 bottom terminal (200 feet). Bury power line from the top of Lift 4, down Salvation trail to the base of Lift 11, and along lifts T2, T2' and T3 to service new lifts.

- Create 17 new trails primarily in the areas associated with new lifts to improve the overall terrain distribution by skier ability level and to better meet the skier market demand.

- Improve four trails within the existing trail network and develop one gladed area and one tree skiing area with 20 percent tree thinning.
- Re-route the existing snowmobile access route.
- Install snowmaking infrastructure, make snow on the first 400 feet of the proposed re-route, and groom the re-route periodically to create a smooth rideable surface for snowmobile riders of all ability levels.
- Develop a snowmobile parking/staging area along Hermosa Park Road, north of Purgatory Village on the west side of Highway 550, which would accommodate cars, trucks, and trailers.
- Relocate the existing snowmobile outfitter and guide to the top of the Twilight Lift (Chair 4).
- Expand snowmaking coverage on 14 existing trails and two proposed trails (detailed below) by approximately 149 acres for a resort total of 364 acres.

Styx  
Lower Hades  
Lower Catharsis  
Mercy

The Bank  
Upper Hermosa  
Angel's Tread  
Columbine

Divinity  
Pinkerton Toll Road  
Nirvana  
Peace

Dead Spike  
Legends  
Proposed Run  
Proposed Snowmobile Re-route

- Expand the existing Powderhouse Restaurant by approximately 11,000 square feet to include a restaurant with 419 additional seats, restrooms, a ski school desk, retail services, and public lockers. Expand the on-site septic system.

- Expand the existing Dante's Restaurant by 1,200 square feet to include a restaurant with 473 additional seats and guest services similar to those at the Powderhouse. This facility would continue to operate during the winter season and is proposed for summer use as well. Re-drill two existing wells to produce a higher water flow for domestic water needs. Upgrade the on-site septic system.

- Construct a new 13,500 square foot lodge adjacent to the top terminal of Twilight Lift (#4) to include a 444-seat restaurant, restrooms, a ski school desk, retail, and public lockers. This facility is proposed for winter and summer use. Haul domestic water from existing storage tanks or proposed well and develop an on-site septic system.

- Drill one additional well along the Pinkerton Toll Road ski trail to provide additional domestic water for the resort.

- Double the size of the aboveground fuel storage tanks at the mid-mountain maintenance building.

- Provide additional multiple use trails and a trailhead. The trailhead will include toilet facilities and a parking area with a capacity of approximately 36 vehicles. The sleigh ride/American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail will be eight feet wide to accommodate the sleigh and will meet all ADA requirements. Proposed trail additions include: hiking (0.6 mile), mountain biking (0.7 mile), Nordic skiing (1.7 Km), Sleigh ride/ADA accessible (1.0 Km).

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by November 21, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Richard Speegle at the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [richard\\_speegle@co.blm.gov](mailto:richard_speegle@co.blm.gov) or via facsimile to (970) 375-2973.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Speegle, Supervisory Recreation Planner, at the Public Lands Center via telephone at (970) 375-3310. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8

a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Action addresses issues related to the recreation experience. Presently, alpine skiing/snowboarding and other resort activities are provided to the public through a Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the Forest Service and administered by the San Juan National Forest. All elements of the proposal remain within the existing SUP boundary area, except the additional proposed multiple use trails project outside the DMR SUP area.

The proposed improvements are consistent with the San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The proposed improvements are considered necessary in light of current resort deficiencies and projected future visitation.

**Purpose and Need for Action**

The Forest Service and Durango Mountain Resort (DMR) cooperatively identified a purpose for this proposal, which is to upgrade and expand DMR within the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) area to achieve a balance of guest service facilities and skiing opportunities with existing and proposed visitation, thereby enhancing