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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-06-316]

United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revising official grade standards, is soliciting comments on the need for possible revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona). AMS is seeking comments regarding any revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona) that may be necessary to better serve the industry.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-8871, E-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours. The United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or

United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona) are available either at the above address or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri Emery, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185; E-mail Cheri.Emery@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA AMS Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is considering whether to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona) using the procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). These standards were last revised in 1999.

Background

AMS has identified the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona) for possible revisions. AMS has identified the standards may need to be revised to reflect current marketing trends. However, prior to undertaking detailed work to develop proposed revisions to the standards, AMS is seeking suggestions from the industry on possible revisions, such as: changing the basic requirements to the grades, or changing the tolerances in order to make them more suitable for the markets, adding additional definitions, or

revising the existing definitions particularly those that contain scoring guides for defects. These areas for possible revisions are only illustrative. AMS invites suggestions on all aspects of these standards that may need to be revised.

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on whether any changes are necessary to the standards. Should AMS conclude that there is a need for any revisions of the standards, the proposed revisions will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR part 36.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: August 21, 2006.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Madison-Beaverhead Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Madison-Beaverhead Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Ennis, Montana, for a business meeting and a field trip. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Forest Service office at #5 Forest Service Road in Ennis, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Ramsey, Designated Forest Official (DFO), Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for this meeting include making decisions on projects to fund under Title II of Public Law 106-393, hearing

public comments, and a field trip to see projects already funded. If the meeting location changes, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the Dillon Tribune and The Montana Standard.

Dated: August 21, 2006.

Bruce Ramsey,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Settlement Pursuant to CERCLA; Gibson Mine Site, Gila County, AZ

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of settlement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of an administrative settlement for recovery of response costs with The Franciscan Friars of California, Inc. (the Settling Party) concerning the Gibson Mine Site, Gila County, Arizona. The settlement requires the Settling Party to pay up to a total of \$11,000 in oversight costs to the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region, pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1). The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the Settling Party pursuant to sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), with regard to the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Globe Ranger District, 7680 South Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ, 85501, and at the offices of the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region, 333 Broadway, SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 25, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the

Globe Ranger District, 7680 South Six Shooter Canyon Road, Globe, AZ 85501, and at the offices of the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region, 333 Broadway, SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Anne Fischer, Tonto National Forest at 602-225-5389, or from Thomas R. Fox, USDA Office of the General Counsel at (202) 720-6715. Comments should reference the Gibson Mine Site, Gila County, Arizona, and should be addressed to Thomas R. Fox, USDA Office of the General Counsel, Room 3351 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1412.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Maria McGaha, USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region, 333 Broadway, SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102; phone (505) 842-3837. For legal information, contact Thomas R. Fox, USDA Office of the General Counsel, Room 3351 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1412; phone (202) 720-6715.

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Lucia M. Turner,

Deputy Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Earth Resources, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency which administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs. RUS intends to hold a public scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Earth Resources Inc. (ERI), with headquarters in Carnesville, Georgia.

The proposal consists of the construction of 20-megawatt power generating station utilizing chicken litter and woody biomass as fuel. The proposed generating station would be located in Franklin County, Georgia. No new transmission lines are proposed in connection with the proposed

generating station. ERI is requesting RUS provide financing for the proposal.

DATES: RUS will conduct one scoping meeting in an open house format, seeking the input of the public and other interested parties. The meeting will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., September 11, 2006, in Carnesville, Georgia at the Franklin County Justice Center, 7085 Highway 145.

A Public Information Document, prepared by ERI, will be presented at the public scoping meeting. The Report will be available for public review at RUS' address provided in this notice, at RUS' Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>, and at the following locations:

Franklin County Courthouse, 9592 Lavonia Road, Carnesville, GA 30521. Lavonia Carnegie Library, 28 Hartwell Road, Lavonia, GA.

Royston Public Library, 684 Franklin Springs Street, Royston, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Utilities Programs, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468. Mrs. Strength's e-mail address is stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Earth Resources Inc., proposes to construct a 20-megawatt power generating station utilizing chicken litter and woody biomass as fuel. The proposed generating station would be located in Franklin County, Georgia. No new transmission lines are proposed in connection with the proposed generating station. The proposed location is a 139-acre property that is partially cleared in Franklin County near State Route 198 and Interstate 85 (see map). It is anticipated that the facilities would be in service in 2007.

Government agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposal.

Representatives from RUS and Earth Resources Inc., will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss RUS' environmental review process, describe the project, the purpose and need for the proposal, and to discuss the scope of environmental issues to be considered, answer questions, and accept comments. Comments regarding the proposal may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meeting or in writing for receipt no later than October 11, 2006, to RUS at the address provided in this notice.