

public agencies, American Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations. The loans fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act provides authorization to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings and to provide decent, safe and sanitary living conditions in rural areas. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prescribe regulations to ensure that these loans, made with federal funds, are legally secured.

Need and Use of the Information: The approved attorney/title company (closing agent) and the field office staff collect the required information. Forms and or guidelines are provided to assist in the collection, certification and submission of this information. Most of these forms collect information that is standard in the industry. If the information is collected less frequently, the agency would not obtain the proper security position on the properties being taken as security and would have no evidence that the closing agents and agency meet the requirements of this regulations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 18,410.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 25,042.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0048]

Removal of Emergency Action Notice for Tiffany Creek Preserve in New York

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that we have lifted restrictions placed on Tiffany Creek Preserve in Nassau County, NY. In 2004, the preserve was put under an Emergency Action Notice after a sample taken from a northern red oak tested positive for *Phytophthora ramorum*. The preserve was required to

undergo biannual surveys for *P. ramorum* for 2 years, the last of which was conducted in September 2006. The results of all surveys conducted in Tiffany Creek Preserve, Nassau County, and the State of New York were negative. Therefore, we have released Tiffany Creek Preserve from all restrictions related to *P. ramorum* and consider no further surveys or actions are warranted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 25, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan M. Jones, Senior Staff Officer, Invasive Species and Pest Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Phytophthora ramorum is a pathogen that causes the plant diseases commonly known as sudden oak death, ramorum leaf blight, and ramorum dieback. Since its initial discovery in Marin County, CA, in 1995, *P. ramorum* has been confirmed to exist in 13 additional northern California counties and in a portion of Curry County, OR. *P. ramorum* has caused the death of thousands of mature oaks in these counties, and there is presently no known treatment for infected plants that kills the fungus but allows plants to survive.

On June 30, 2004, a survey for *P. ramorum* was conducted at Tiffany Creek Preserve in Nassau County, NY. One of the samples taken during that survey was from a northern red oak tree. The sample was tested using an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) nested polymerase chain reaction protocol that resulted in reactions that indicated the presence of *P. ramorum*. The tree was removed and destroyed and APHIS, under the authority of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), placed the preserve under Emergency Action Notice (EAN) to contain any related risk. Under the EAN, the movement of soil, forest products, wood, and any plant material from the preserve was prohibited. APHIS also required 2 years of biannual surveys of the preserve, including sampling of the soil and water to determine if there were any indications of *P. ramorum* that could be associated with Tiffany Creek Preserve. In the EAN, we stated that if after 2 years all survey results were negative, the EAN would be lifted.

Delimiting surveys, the last of which was conducted in September 2006, of the Preserve and testing of all unhealthy appearing trees and shrubs yielded no further positive results and no sign of *P. ramorum* infestation. Surveys of the

Preserve and surrounding natural environments in Nassau County and neighboring Suffolk County resulted in no further detections. In New York, no forests or nurseries surveyed have had *P. ramorum* detected. Therefore, we are giving notice that we have lifted restrictions on Tiffany Creek Preserve and that *P. ramorum* is known not to occur at Tiffany Creek Preserve and is not known to occur at any other location within Nassau County or the State of New York.

Done in Washington, DC this 5th day of June 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Province Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Province Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information and receive feedback on: Special Forest Products on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest; Update on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Flood Damage; and to share information among Committee members.

All Southwest Washington Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides an opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on Committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Streb, Public Affairs Officer, at (360) 891-5005, or write Forest Headquarters Office: Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.