DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service


AGENCY: Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will meet via a conference call. The purpose of the meeting is to review and provide recommendations on recreation fee proposals for facilities and services offered on lands managed by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington, under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

DATES: The conference call will be held on February 2, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A public input session will be provided at 1 p.m. on February 2, 2010. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing to participate in the conference call or provide public comment should contact Jocelyn Biro, Recreation Program Coordinator (503) 808–2411 or jbiro@fs.fed.us. Send written comments to Dan Harkenrider, Designated Federal Official for the Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC, 902 Wasco Street, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031, 541–308–1700 or dharkenrider@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Harkenrider, Designated Federal Official, 902 Wasco Street, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031, 541–308–1700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Recreation RAC discussion is limited to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management staff and Recreation RAC members. However, persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who have made written requests by January 29, 2010, to the Designated Federal Official will have the opportunity to address the Committee during the meeting on February 2, 2010, at 1 p.m.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

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Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on February 3, 2010 at the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. During this meeting information will be shared about Holdren Mine clean-up operations, Stehekin River Corridor Implementation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, and Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan update. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.


Rebecca Lockett Heath, Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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[Docket No. APHIS–2009–0072]

Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.; Availability of Petition and Environmental Assessment for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Corn Genetically Engineered for Insect Resistance

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc., seeking a determination of nonregulated status for corn designated as transformation event MIR162, which has been genetically engineered for insect resistance. The petition has been submitted in accordance with our regulations concerning the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and products. In accordance with those regulations, we are soliciting comments on whether this genetically engineered corn is likely to pose a plant pest risk. We are also making available for public comment an environmental assessment for the proposed determination of nonregulated status.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive on or before March 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

● Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to (http://www.regulations.gov/FRD/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS–2009–0072) to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.


Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Subray Hegde, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–0810, email: (subray.hegde@aphis.usda.gov). To obtain copies of the petition, draft environmental assessment or plant pest risk assessment, contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734–0667, email: (cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov). Those documents are also available on the Internet at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/07_25301p.pdf), (http://