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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Wrangell, Alaska. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to review project proposals and make project funding recommendations.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, May 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the James and Elsie Nolan Center in Wrangell, Alaska. Written comments should be sent to Christopher Savage, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, or Robert Dalrymple, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 50, Wrangell, AK 99929. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to csavage@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 907-772-5995.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Petersburg Ranger District office at 12 North Nordic Drive or the Wrangell Ranger District office at 525 Bennett Street during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Savage, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska, 99833, phone (907) 772-3871, e-mail csavage@fs.fed.us, or Robert

Dalrymple, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone (907) 874-2323, e-mail rDALRYMPLE@FS.FED.US.

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 meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: evaluation of project proposals and recommendation of projects for funding. Persons who wish to bring related 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 beginning at 9 a.m. on May 8th. Individuals who made written requests by April 30th will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: April 15, 2010.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Request for Applications for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is announcing the release of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Request for Applications (RFA) at <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp>.

DATES: The FY 2010 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) application package has been made available at <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp> and applications are due by Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Sherman, National Program Leader, Veterinary Science, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department

of Agriculture, STOP 2220, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2220, Voice: 202-401-4952, Fax: 202-401-6156, E-mail: gsherman@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 2009, all programs and authorities delegated to the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) were transferred to the NIFA per section 7511(f) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 [Pub. L. 110-246].

Background and Purpose

In January 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997 (NARETPA). This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. In November 2005, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-97) appropriated \$495,000 for CSREES to implement the VMLRP and represented the first time funds had been appropriated for this program.

In February 2007, the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5) appropriated an additional \$495,000 to CSREES for support of the program, in December 2007, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 appropriated an additional \$868,875 to CSREES for support of this program, and on March 11, 2009, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8) was enacted, providing an additional \$2,950,000, for the VMLRP. In October 2009, the President signed into law, Public Law 111-80, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010, which appropriated \$4,800,000 for the VMLRP.

Section 7105 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246, (FCEA) amended section 1415A to revise the determination of veterinarian shortage situations to consider (1) geographical

areas that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians; and (2) areas of veterinary practice that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians, such as food animal medicine, public health, epidemiology, and food safety. This section also added that priority should be given to agreements with veterinarians for the practice of food animal medicine in veterinarian shortage situations.

NARETPA section 1415A requires the Secretary, when determining the amount of repayment for a year of service by a veterinarian to consider the ability of USDA to maximize the number of agreements from the amounts appropriated and to provide an incentive to serve in veterinary service shortage areas with the greatest need. This section also provides that loan repayments may consist of payments of the principal and interest on government and commercial loans received by the individual for the attendance of the individual at an accredited college of veterinary medicine resulting in a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or the equivalent. This program is not authorized to provide repayments for any government or commercial loans incurred during the pursuit of another degree, such as an associate or bachelor degree. Loans eligible for repayment include educational loans made for one or more of the following: Loans for tuition expenses; other reasonable educational expenses, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses, incurred by the individual; and reasonable living expenses as determined by the Secretary. In addition, the Secretary is directed to make such additional payments to participants as the Secretary determines appropriate for the purpose of providing reimbursements to participants for individual tax liability resulting from participation in this program. Finally, this section requires USDA to promulgate regulations within 270 days of the enactment of FCEA (*i.e.*, June 18, 2008). The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out this program to NIFA.

The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2010 [75 FR 20239–20248]. Based on comments received during the 60-day comment period upon publication of the interim rule [74 FR 32788–32798, July 9, 2009], NIFA reconsidered the policy regarding individuals who consolidated their veterinary school loans with other educational loans (*e.g.* undergraduate) and their eligibility to apply for the VMLRP. NIFA will allow these individuals to apply for and receive a

VMLRP award; however, only the eligible portion of the consolidation will be repaid by the VMLRP. Furthermore, applicants with consolidated loans will be asked to provide a complete history of their student loans from the National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS), a central database for student aid operated by the U.S. Department of Education. The NSLDS Web site can be found at <http://www.nslds.ed.gov>. Individuals who consolidated their DVM loans with non-educational loans or loans belonging to an individual other than the applicant, such as a spouse or child, will continue to be ineligible for the VMLRP.

The estimated amount available for NIFA to support this program in FY 2010 is \$9,216,000. The eligibility criteria for applicants and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a VMLRP award can be viewed and downloaded from the VMLRP Web site at <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp>.

Done in Washington, DC, this April 20, 2010.

Roger Beachy,

Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Kentucky Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Kentucky Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will convene on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 1 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. (EST) at Gardiner Hall, Room 310, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to discuss its report on disparate discipline of minority youth by public school districts.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the Southern Regional Office by June 20, 2010. The mailing address is Southern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 61 Forsyth Street, Suite 18T40, Atlanta, GA 30301. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments may do so to pminarik@usccr.gov. Persons that desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Southern Regional Office, at

(404) 562-7000 (or for hearing impaired TDD (913) 551-1414).

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Southern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Southern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, April 26, 2010.

Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan for the Bayou Verdine and Calcasieu River

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a document entitled, "Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Bayou Verdine Site, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana" (Final DARP/EA), has been approved by the State and Federal natural resource trustee agencies (the Trustees). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is the lead agency publishing this notice in the **Federal Register** on behalf of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, acting on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior (USFWS/DOI); Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). The Final DARRP/EA is now available to the public. The document describes the Trustees' assessment of natural resource injuries and resource services losses in the upper Calcasieu Estuary due to past releases of hazardous substances from two facilities situated in the upper