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Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of April 2010.

Kevin Shea

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0058]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Biological Control Agent for Water Hyacinth

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the release of an insect, *Megamelus scutellaris*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of water hyacinth infestations. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Shirley Wager-Page, Chief, Pest Permitting Branch, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-8453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the release of an insect, *Megamelus scutellaris*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of water hyacinth infestations.

On November 16, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 58939-58940, Docket No. APHIS-2009-0058) a notice¹ in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts

associated with the proposed release of this biological control agent into the continental United States.

We solicited comments on the EA for 30 days ending December 16, 2009. We received one comment, from a State game and fish department. Our responses to the issues raised in the comment can be found in Appendix E of the final EA (see footnote 1).

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of *M. scutellaris* into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of water hyacinth infestations. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of this biological control agent will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site (see footnote 1). Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

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Kevin Shea

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Highlands Regional Study: Connecticut and Pennsylvania 2010 Update

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; request for comment.

SUMMARY: As required by the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 108-421, the Forest Service has drafted the Highlands Regional Study: Connecticut and Pennsylvania 2010 Update. The study is now available (see link below) and identifies high conservation value areas, the impacts of land use change on the natural resources, and conservation strategies in the Connecticut and Pennsylvania portions of the Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Highlands Region. Public comment is being sought on the results of the update to better inform potential consumers of the study results.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before June 17, 2010 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Martina Barnes, Regional Planner, U.S. Forest Service, c/o U.S. EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 24th floor, New York, NY 10007. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 212-637-3887 or via Internet to: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/highlands/regional/index.shtm>.

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 by contacting martinabarnes@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martina Barnes, Regional Planner, at 212-637-3863. 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: In addition to seeking public comment on the 2010 Update, two public meetings are scheduled to discuss the study.

A public meeting to discuss the Pennsylvania portion of the study will be held on May 24, 2010 at 4 p.m. at the Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center in Reading, Pennsylvania.

A public meeting to discuss the Connecticut portion of the study will be held on May 26, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension office in Torrington, Connecticut.

The study is available at <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/highlands/regional/index.shtm>. Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a

¹ To view the notice, EA, FONSI, and response to comments, go to (<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0058>).

matter of public record. Comments will be summarized.

Dated: April 26, 2010.

Kathryn Maloney,

Director, U.S. Forest Service, Northeastern Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Kern and Tulare Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The first meeting of the Kern and Tulare Counties Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Porterville, California. This will be the first of several meetings to establish a charter, to identify roles and responsibilities, including protocols for the application process, propose due dates for grants, and to determine the process to use to select projects for funding.

The purpose of the Tulare and Kern Counties Resource Advisory Committee is to receive and review project proposals for Fiscal Year 2010 funds available through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393, reauthorized on October 3, 2008, as part of Pub. L. 110-343).

DATES: The proposed meeting will be held on May 27, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sequoia National Forest Headquarters, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, California, 93257.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscilla Summers, Kern and Tulare Counties Resource Advisory Committee Designated Federal Official, c/o Sequoia National Forest, Western Divide Ranger District, 32588 Highway 190, Springville, CA 93265 or electronically to psummers@fs.fed.us, or by telephone: (559) 539-2607, extension 210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members.

Dated: April 27, 2010.

Nancy C. Ruthenbeck,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, May 19, 2010. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 19, 2010 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ketchikan—Misty Fjords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, co District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 22, 2010.

Jeff DeFreest,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tuolumne-Mariposa Counties Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tuolumne-Mariposa Counties Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on May 17, 2010 at the City of Sonora Fire Department, in Sonora, California. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review new project proposals, and to decide which project proponents to invite to make presentations at the June and July RAC meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 17, 2010, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the City of Sonora Fire Department located at 201 South Shepherd Street, in Sonora, California (CA 95370).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Martinez, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Stanislaus National Forest, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 532-3671, extension 320; e-mail bethmartinez@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Agenda items include:* (1) Review new project proposals; (2) determine which project proponents to invite to make presentations at the June and July RAC meetings; (3) Public comment. This meeting is open to the public.

Dated: April 2, 2010.

Susan Skalski,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0026]

National Poultry Improvement Plan; General Conference Committee Meeting and 40th Biennial Conference

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and the NPIP's 40th Biennial Conference.

DATES: The General Conference Committee meeting will be held on August 31, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Biennial Conference will meet on September 1, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on September 2, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The General Conference Committee meeting and Biennial Conference will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094-5104; (770) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), representing