

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: (1) Consideration of Proposal Forms, (2) Development of Proposal Review Process, (3) Development of Guidelines, (4) Public comment. 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. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by September 15, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: October 4, 2010.

**Pamela E. Brown,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Lincoln County Resource 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 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Kootenai National Forest's Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Libby, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** October 13, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Forest Supervisor's Office, 31374 U.S. Hwy 2, Libby, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janette Turk, Committee Coordinator, Kootenai National Forest at (406) 283-7764, or e-mail [jturk@fs.fed.us](mailto:jturk@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda will include review of 2010 project proposals and 2008-09 project status. If the meeting date or location is changed, notice will be posted in the local newspapers, including the Daily Interlake based in Kalispell, Montana.

Dated: October 1, 2010.

**Paul Bradford,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0047]

#### Monsanto Company and KWS SAAT AG; Supplemental Request for Partial Deregulation of Roundup Ready Sugar Beet

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a supplemental request for "partial deregulation" or similar administrative action from the Monsanto Company and KWS SAAT AG for the planting, harvesting, and interstate movement of Roundup Ready® sugar beets under measures designed to ensure any risks posed by cultivation are mitigated. This notice is to inform the public of the availability of the documents submitted to the Agency from Monsanto Company and KWS SAAT AG requesting a "partial deregulation."

**ADDRESSES:** You may view the request for "partial deregulation" on the Regulations.gov Web site (*see* <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0047>) or on the APHIS Web site (*see* [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs2/03\\_32301p\\_a1.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs2/03_32301p_a1.pdf)). Copies may also be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rick Coker, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 146, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5720. To obtain copies of the supplemental request for "partial deregulation," contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734-0667, e-mail: [cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such

genetically engineered organisms and products are considered "regulated articles."

On October 19, 2004, APHIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 61466-61467, Docket No. 04-075-1) announcing receipt of a petition from the Monsanto Company (Monsanto) and KWS SAAT AG (KWS) requesting a determination of nonregulated status under 7 CFR part 340 for sugar beet (*Beta vulgaris* ssp. *vulgaris*) designated as event H7-1, which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to the herbicide glyphosate. The petition stated that this article should not be regulated by APHIS because it is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk. APHIS also announced in that notice the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) examining the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements for the proposed determination of nonregulated status. Following review of public comments and completion of the EA, we published another notice in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2005 (70 FR 13007-13008, Docket No. 04-075-2), advising the public of our determination, effective March 4, 2005, that the Monsanto/KWS sugar beet event H7-1 was no longer considered a regulated article under APHIS regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

On September 21, 2009, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California issued a ruling in a lawsuit filed by two organic seed groups and two nonprofit organizations challenging our decision to deregulate sugar beet event H7-1 (referred to in the lawsuit as Roundup Ready® sugar beet, or "RRSB"), pursuant to the Plant Protection Act (PPA) and in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Under the provisions of NEPA, agencies must examine the potential environmental impacts of proposed major Federal actions, and the Court ruled that APHIS' EA failed to consider certain environmental and interrelated economic impacts. As a result, the Court ruled that APHIS is required to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). Accordingly, APHIS is preparing an EIS, for which we published a notice<sup>1</sup> in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 29969-29972, Docket No. APHIS-2010-0047) on May 28, 2010, to solicit

<sup>1</sup> The notice can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0047>.