Estimated annual number of responses: 500.
Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 600 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of March 2011.
Kevin Shea,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

(Docket No. APHIS–2010–0115)

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Biological Control Agent for Air Potato

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 control of air potato (Dioscorea bulbifera). 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, Lilioceris cheni, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of air potato (Dioscorea bulbifera) infestations.

On January 19, 2011, we published in the Federal Register (76 FR 3076–3077, Docket No. APHIS–2010–0115) a notice 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 February 18, 2011. We received one comment by that date, from a State agricultural agency. The commenter, who supported the proposed release, asked whether, when the shipments of L. cheni were imported, the identity of the specimens was confirmed and if voucher specimens had been established. The commenter was concerned that the validity of the host specificity testing would be called into question if the identity of the specimens was not firmly established. We have notified the commenter that the identity of the specimens was confirmed at the time of their importation and that voucher specimens have been set aside.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of L. cheni, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of air potato (Dioscorea bulbifera) 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 on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by calling or 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).

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of March 2011.
Kevin Shea,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC) will hold meetings on March 31, 2011, April 6, 2011, and April 19, 2011 at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meetings will be held March 31, 2011 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. and April 6, 2011, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. and April 19, 2011 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

For Further Information or to Request an Accommodation (one week prior to meeting date) Contact: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543–2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda on March 31, 2011: (1) Tahoe Working Group presentation on the Southern Nevada Public Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 12 capital project nominations and science themes, and (2) public comment. Items to be covered on the agenda on April 6 include: (1) Follow-up presentations on the SNPLMA Round 12 capital project nominations and science themes, and (2) public comments. Items to be covered on the agenda on April 9 include (1) LTFAC SNPLMA Round 12 preliminary recommendations for capital projects and science themes, and (2) public comment.