agent or other pathogen, or any article similar to or allied with any of the foregoing. APHIS has prepared a plant pest risk assessment to determine if hybrid rose lines IFD–524Ø1–4 and IFD–529Ø1–9 are unlikely to pose a plant pest risk.

APHIS has also prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) in which it presents two alternatives based on its analyses of data submitted by Florigene, a review of other scientific data, and field tests conducted under APHIS oversight. APHIS is considering the following alternatives: (1) Take no action, i.e., APHIS would not change the regulatory status of hybrid rose lines IFD–524Ø1–4 and IFD–529Ø1–9 and they would continue to be regulated articles, or (2) grant nonregulated status to hybrid rose lines IFD–524Ø1–4 and IFD–529Ø1–9 in whole.

The draft EA has been prepared to provide the APHIS decisionmaker with a review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed determination of nonregulated status for hybrid rose lines IFD–524Ø1–4 and IFD–529Ø1–9. The draft EA was 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).

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the petition for a determination of nonregulated status from interested or affected persons for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. We are also soliciting written comments from interested or affected persons on the draft EA prepared to examine any potential environmental impacts of the proposed determination for the deregulation of the subject hybrid rose lines, and the plant pest risk assessment. The petition, draft EA, and plant pest risk assessment are available for public review, and copies of the petition, draft EA, and plant pest risk assessment are available as indicated under ADDRESSES and FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT above. After the comment period closes, APHIS will review all written comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information. All comments received regarding the petition, draft EA, and plant pest risk assessment will be available for public review. After reviewing and evaluating the comments on the petition, the draft EA, plant pest risk assessment, and other data, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the regulatory status of hybrid rose lines IFD–524Ø1–4 and IFD–529Ø1–9 and the availability of APHIS’ written environmental decision and regulatory determination.


Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of April 2011.

Gregory L. Parham,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Stanford, Montana. 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 is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 29, 2011 and will begin at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Judith Ranger District, located at 109 Central Avenue, Stanford, MT. Written comments should be sent to Ron Wiseman, Lewis and Clark National Forest, 109 Central Avenue, Stanford, Montana 59479. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to rwiseman@fs.fed.us. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Lewis and Clark National Forest, 109 Central Avenue, Stanford, Montana 59479. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (406) 566–2292 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Wiseman, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Lewis and Clark National Forest, 109 Central Avenue, Stanford, MT.

59479; (406) 566–2292; E-mail rwiseman@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Introductions of all committee members, replacement members and Forest Service personnel; (2) Selection of a chairperson by the committee members; (3) Receive materials explaining the process for considering and recommending Title II projects; and (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.

Dated: April 7, 2011.

Ronald B. Wiseman,
Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Utilities Service

Oglethorpe Power Corporation: Proposed Biomass Power Plant

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.


SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR part 1794 related to possible financial assistance to Oglethorpe Power Corporation (Oglethorpe) for the construction of a 100 megawatt (MW) biomass plant and related facilities (Proposal) in Warren County, Georgia.

The purpose of the Proposal is to provide a reliable, long-term supply of renewable and sustainable energy at a reasonable cost to meet part of the electric energy needs of Oglethorpe’s members. Oglethorpe may request financial assistance in the future from the RUS for the Proposal.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS must be received on or before May 31, 2011. RUS will conduct a public meeting May 5, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Warren County Community Service Building, located at: 48 Warren Street, Warrenton, Georgia 30828. The