

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service**

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**Notice of Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications from State Departments of Agriculture for the Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice invites the following eligible States: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming, to submit an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the allocation of organic certification cost-share funds. The AMS has allocated \$1.5 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2011. Funds are available to 16 designated States to provide cost-share assistance to organic crop and livestock producers certified under the USDA Organic Standards (7 CFR 205). Eligible States interested in obtaining cost-share funds for their organic producers must submit an Application for Federal Assistance via <http://www.grants.gov> and enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for the allocation of funds.

**DATES:** Completed Applications for Federal Assistance and signed cooperative agreements must be received by the National Organic Program (NOP) no later than September 23, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for Federal Assistance must be submitted via *Grants.Gov*. Paper applications will not be accepted. Instructions and additional information are available on the National Organic Program's Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPCostSharing>.

Signed cooperative agreements should be sent via express mail to Betsy Rakola, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/NOP, Room 2640-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Betsy Rakola, Agricultural Marketing

Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/NOP, Room 2640-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252. E-mail: [Betsy.Rakola@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Betsy.Rakola@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 1524). Under the applicable FCIA provisions, the Department is authorized to provide cost-share assistance to organic producers in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The AMS has allocated \$1.5 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2011. This program provides financial assistance to organic producers certified under the USDA Organic Regulations (7 CFR part 205), which were authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*). This program is in addition to and separate from the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, which is also administered by AMS and is open to all States and U.S. Territories.

To participate in the program, eligible States, through their State Departments of Agriculture, must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Department of Agriculture refers to agencies, commissions, or departments of State government responsible for implementing regulation, policy or programs on agriculture within their State. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic crop and livestock producers receiving certification or incurring expenses for the continuation of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent during the period of October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. The Department has determined that payments will be limited to 75% (seventy-five percent) of an individual producer's certification costs, up to a maximum of \$750 (seven-hundred and fifty dollars).

To receive cost-share assistance, organic producers should contact their State agencies. Procedures for applying are outlined in the cost share policies and procedures at <http://1.usa.gov/OrganicCostShare>. The total amount of cost-share payments provided to any

eligible producer under all AMA programs cannot exceed \$50,000.

**How to Submit Applications:** To receive fund allocations to provide cost-share assistance, a State Department of Agriculture must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. Interested States must submit the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) electronically via *Grants.gov*, the Federal grants Web site, at <http://www.grants.gov>. For information on how to use *Grants.Gov*, please consult <http://www.grants.gov/GetRegistered>. Applications must be filed by Friday, September 23, 2011. Cooperative agreements will be sent by the AMS to participating State Departments of Agriculture via express mail. The cooperative agreement must have the original signature of an official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. The signed cooperative agreement must be sent by express mail or courier service and received by the NOP at the address above by September 23, 2011.

The AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.171. Subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally-assisted programs.

Additional information on the AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program can be found on the NOP's Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPCostSharing>.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1524.

Dated: August 29, 2011.

**Ellen King,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent To Renew Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The notice announced Agricultural Research Service intent to seek comments on renewing the National Arboretum's information collection that expires on December 31, 2011. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Deborah Cicala, 202-245-4553.

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of August 26, 2011, in FR Doc. 2011-21847, on pages 53397-53398 in the supplementary information section, correct to read as follows:

**OMB Number:** 0518-0024.

**Yvette Anderson,**  
*Federal Register Liaison Officer for Agriculture Research Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District; Oregon;**

Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 2010, the Forest Service published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project in the **Federal Register**. The project is located within the Upper 204/Tollgate Wildland Urban Interface as identified in the Umatilla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), as amended. The project planning area encompasses approximately 46,000 acres and is situated approximately 40 miles south/southwest of Walla Walla, Washington. The project has been planned and will be implemented using the authorities of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2004.

After the initial request for public comment on the Tollgate proposal subsequent analysis identified two additional actions that needed to be incorporated into the Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project:

- Amend the Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan): There is need to prepare a site specific amendment to the Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The proposed amendment will focus on the entry and treatment of fuels within select Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCAs). RHCA treatment is only proposed for the following units of the Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project- units 38, 75, 19, 66, and 61. These units were included on the map which accompanied the

original scoping of this project, but we were not aware of the need for a Forest Plan Amendment until we had spent more time on the ground in these units. The proposed action does not propose any additional treatments within any RHCAs not contained in units listed above. All other RHCA will have the appropriate PACFISH buffers applied.

- Realignment of Forest Road 3718155: During subsequent review of public comments and associated road use needs to accomplish the fuels reduction objectives, it was determined that a realignment of a 0.35 mile segment of FR 3718155 would be required. Approximately 0.35 miles of FR is inside the RHCA of a perennial non-fishbearing stream and has a native surface (soil). The road is adjacent to a spring and the roadbed is saturated for much of the year in that location. As part of the Tollgate proposed action, this segment of road would be moved to an upland site which occurs outside of the RHCA. The existing segment of road would be decommissioned and rehabilitated. These actions would occur prior to the implementation of fuels reduction activities within the area. FR 3718155 is listed as a closed road by the Walla Walla RD Access and Travel Management Plan. This realignment activity would not change its Access and Travel Management status. Following the completion of fuels reduction activities, FR 3718155 will be gated and will retain its current status as a closed road.

The Forest Service is inviting interested members of the public to comment on the abovementioned additions to the Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by October 6, 2011. The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available to the public for review by February 2012. The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed by July 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Kevin Martin, Forest Supervisor, c/o Michael Rassbach, District Ranger, Walla Walla Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, 1415 W. Rose, Walla Walla, WA. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [comments-pacificnorthwest-umatilla@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-umatilla@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 509-522-6000.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly

articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative objection process or judicial review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kimpton Cooper, Environmental Coordinator, Walla Walla Ranger District, 1415 W. Rose, Walla Walla, WA 99362. He can be reached by phone at (509) 522-6290 or by e-mail at [kmcooper@fs.fed.us](mailto:kmcooper@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 Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose and Need for Action**

The Tollgate planning area is situated on a high plateau between the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness and the South Fork Walla Walla River. The Tollgate plateau is surrounded on all sides by very steep and deep canyons. The plateau area falls primarily into fire regime 4, based on species composition, and suggests the occurrence of mixed to high severity fire events with long return intervals. Private lands and inholdings are adjacent to, and interspersed with National Forest System lands.

The Tollgate WUI is comprised of approximately 368 residences, 43 privately owned cabins under NFS special use permit, 4 NFS campgrounds, 6 trailheads, 1 ski area, 4 snowparks and other FS facilities. The area is one of the heaviest used recreation areas on the entire Umatilla NF. In addition, there are numerous non-recreation uses of the area. Important local and regional infrastructure (fiber optic lines, telephone lines, power transmission lines, and communication equipment) is interspersed throughout the WUI. Oregon State Highway 204 bisects the Tollgate community and provides a major transportation route, linking it to Elgin, OR in the south, and Milton-Freewater/Pendleton, OR in the north. Highway 204 also provides an important commercial shipping route that facilitates the flow of goods and services between Union and Umatilla counties.

Tollgate's geographic positioning, relative to large tracts of remote and