Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janie Simmons Hipp, Senior Advisor, Tribal Relations or John Lowery, Management Analyst, Office of Tribal Relations. Email your questions to Janie.Hipp@osec.usda.gov or John Lowery at John.Lowery@osec.usda.gov or call (202) 205–2249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Council Act (FACA) as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, USDA is announcing the establishment of an advisory Council for Native American farmers and ranchers. The Council is a discretionary advisory Council established under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of the settlement agreement in Keepseagle v. Vilsack that was granted final approval by the District Court for the District of Columbia on April 28, 2011. The Council will operate under the provisions of the FACA and report to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The purpose of the Council is (1) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the participation of Native American farmers and ranchers in USDA farm loan programs; (2) to transmit recommendations concerning any changes to FSA regulations or internal guidance or other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers; (3) to examine methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the farm loan program through enhanced extension and financial literacy services; (4) to examine methods of encouraging intergovernmental cooperation to mitigate the effects of land tenure and probate issues on the delivery of USDA farm loan programs; (5) to evaluate other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities for Native American producers; and (6) to address other related issues as deemed appropriate.

The Council will have 15 members, 11 of whom will be Native American leaders or persons who represent the interests of Native American Tribes or Native American organizations. The term “Native American leaders” is not limited to elected Tribal representatives or members or persons with Native American ancestry. The remaining four members will be high-ranking USDA officials including: (1) The Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Tribal Relations; (2) the Farm Service Agency Administrator; (3) the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; and (4) the Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs, or their delegates.

Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem in accordance with USDA travel regulations for attendance at Council functions. Council members who represent the interests of Native American farmers and ranchers may also be paid an amount not less than $100 per day for time spent away from their employment or farming or ranching operation, subject to the availability of funds. Members may include:

- Native American farmers or ranchers who have participated in USDA loan or payment programs;
- Representatives of organizations with a history of working with Native American farmers or ranchers;
- Civil rights professionals;
- Representatives of Tribal governments with demonstrated experience working with Native American farmers or ranchers; and
- Such other persons as the Secretary considers appropriate.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

The Secretary of Agriculture invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above or who have knowledge of issues related to the purpose of the Council to nominate individuals for membership on the Council. Individuals and organizations who wish to nominate experts for this or any other USDA advisory Council should submit a letter to the Secretary listing these individuals’ names and business address, phone, and email contact information. The Secretary of Agriculture seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its farm programs to meet the needs of Native American farmers and ranchers. Individuals receiving nominations will be contacted and asked to return the AD–755 application form and resume within 10 business days of notification. All candidates will be vetted and considered for appointment by the Secretary of Agriculture. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Council in accordance with USDA policies. The Council will meet at least twice a year.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Notice, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Rosemont Copper Project on the Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District, Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of availability and public meetings.

SUMMARY: On October 19, 2011, the USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, published a Notice of Availability of the Rosemont Copper Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and public meetings and commenting options (76 FR 64893). This revised notice advises the public of changes in the schedule of public meetings being held during the public review and comment period. All other information given in the original notice remains unchanged.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701, or by telephone at (520) 388–8300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public meeting dates and locations are as follows:

1. December 1, 2011, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Corona Foothills Middle School, 16705 S. Houghton Road, Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641.
2. December 7, 2011, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Benson High School, 360 S. Patagonia Street, Benson, AZ 85602.
3. December 8, 2011, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Green Valley Recreation-West Social Center, 1111 Via Arcoiris, Green Valley, AZ 85614.
4. December 10, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Elgin Elementary School, 23 Elgin Road, Elgin, AZ 85611.
5. January 14, 2012, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sahuarita District Auditorium, 350 West Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85649.

If you have questions concerning special meeting needs, contact the Coronado National Forest at (520) 388–8300 or email mailroom_r3_coronado@fs.fed.us
to the meeting. For more information, visit the project Web site at http://www.RosemontEIS.us.


Dated: November 28, 2011.

Jim Upchurch,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

DATES: Effective December 6, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lau, Human Resources Director, (202) 261–7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, a performance review board (PRB). The PRB reviews initial performance ratings of members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and makes recommendations as to final annual performance ratings for senior executives. Because the CSB is a small independent Federal agency, the SES members of the CSB’s PRB are drawn from other Federal agencies.

The Chairperson of the CSB has appointed the following individual to the CSB Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board:


Mary Johnson (General Counsel, National Mediation Board) continues to serve as a Member of the PRB, as announced in the Federal Register of May 26, 2011 (76 FR 30646). This notice is published in the Federal Register pursuant to the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: December 1, 2011.

Rafael Moure-Eraso,
Chairperson.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

[DOCKET 76–2011]

Foreign Trade Zone 15—Kansas City, MO; Application for Manufacturing Authority; Blount, Inc. (Log Splitters); Kansas City, MO

An application has been submitted to the Foreign Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 15, requesting manufacturing authority on behalf of Blount, Inc. (Blount), located in Kansas City, Missouri. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on November 29, 2011.

The Blount facility (170 employees, 100,000 unit capacity) is located within Site 3 of FTZ 15. The facility is used for the assembly, warehousing and distribution of forestry, farm and log products. FTZ manufacturing authority is being requested for the assembly of gasoline powered log splitters.

Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 30% of the value of the finished product) include: Beams, cylinders, pumps, tanks, tires, wedges, tongue attachments, beam weldments and non-threaded fasteners (duty rate ranges from 2.8 to 4.7%). The application also requests authority to include a broad range of inputs and finished forestry, farm and log products that Blount may produce under FTZ procedures in the future. New major activity involving these inputs/products would require review by the FTZ Board.

FTZ procedures could exempt Blount from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. The company anticipates that some 10 percent of the plant’s shipment be exported. On its domestic sales, Blount would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to log splitters (duty rate 2.4%) for the foreign inputs noted above. FTZ designation would further allow Blount to realize logistical benefits through the use of weekly customs entry procedures. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant’s international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 6, 2012. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 20, 2012.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via http://www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0473.

Dated: November 29, 2011.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

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Reorganization and Expansion of Foreign Trade Zones Act of 1934

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) in December 2008 (74 FR 1170, 01/12/09;