DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2019–0055]

Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease Status of Romania

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we are proposing to recognize Romania as being free of highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease. This proposed recognition is based on a risk evaluation we have prepared in connection with this action, which we are making available for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:


• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2019–0055, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0055 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Javier Vargas, Senior Staff Officer, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–3316; javier.vargas@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, § 92.2, contain requirements for the approval of the export of a particular type of animal or animal product to the United States from a foreign region. If, after review and evaluation of the information submitted in support of the request, APHIS believes the request can be safely granted, APHIS will make its evaluation available for public comment through a document published in the Federal Register. Following the close of the comment period, APHIS will review all comments received and will make a final determination regarding the request that will be detailed in another document published in the Federal Register.

The Government of Romania has requested that APHIS evaluate the HPAI and Newcastle disease status of the country. In response to Romania’s request, we have prepared an evaluation, titled “APHIS Evaluation of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease Status of Romania” (May 2019). Based on this evaluation, we have determined that Romania’s domestic poultry populations are currently free of both HPAI and Newcastle disease as defined in 9 CFR § 94.0. APHIS acknowledges the continuing risk posed by wild birds in Romania and the European Union (EU); however, Romania’s competent veterinary authority takes effective prevention and control measures minimizing the risk of introduction to commercial poultry, and these are sufficient to minimize the likelihood of...
introducing HPAI and Newcastle disease into the United States via imports of species or products susceptible to these diseases. Our determination supports adding Romania to the Web-based list of regions in which Newcastle disease is not considered to exist and removing Romania from the Web-based list of regions in which HPAI is considered to exist.

APHIS also concludes that Romania meets the requirements to form part of the EU Poultry Trade Region (EUPTR), an APHIS-recognized region of the EU that meets APHIS requirements for being considered free of HPAI and Newcastle disease, and for which the importation of live birds and poultry and poultry meat and products is harmonized.

Therefore, in accordance with §92.2(e), we are announcing the availability of our risk evaluation of the HPAI and Newcastle disease status of Romania for public review and comment.

In April 2012, APHIS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) analyzing the potential effects on the human environment from listing the 25 Member States that constituted the EU in 2006 as a region free of HPAI and Newcastle disease (collectively referred to as EUPTR). The EA has 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 provision 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).

The evaluation and EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov website or in our reading room. (Instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading ADDRESSES at the beginning of this notice.) The documents are also available by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Information submitted in support of Romania’s request is available by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the disease status of Romania with respect to HPAI and Newcastle disease in a subsequent notice.


Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of September 2019.

Kevin Shea, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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[Docket No. APHIS–2019–0045]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: We are correcting an error in a notice published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2019, which announced a forthcoming National Wildlife Services Committee meeting. We provided an incorrect arrival time for attendees. This document corrects that error.

The meeting will still begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on September 18 and 19, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carrie Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, Wildlife Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Correction

In a notice published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2019, FR Doc. 2019–16758, on page 38202, third column, under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, third paragraph, correct the second sentence to read:

Attendees should arrive between 7:30 and 8 a.m.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of September 2019.

Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed New Fee Sites: The Lolo National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee sites; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Lolo National Forest is proposing to charge new fees at four day-use sites, three recreation rental facilities and seven campgrounds across the Forest as described in the supplementary section of this notice. All sites have had recent upgrades and new or improved amenities added to improve the services and recreation experiences. The Driveway Peak lookout is being moved from its current location on Priscilla Peak to a more accessible location on Driveway Peak. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Funds from these fees will be used for continued operation, maintenance and capital improvements to these recreation sites. These new fees would align the sites with other sites offering similar amenities and services. These fees are only proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by October 16, 2019, comments will be compiled, analyzed, and shared with the Recreation Resource Advisory Council(s). The proposed fees will become available pending a recommendation from the Resource Advisory Committee. If approved by the Regional Forester, the Forest Service will implement the new fee changes in 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to the Supervisor's Office: Lolo National Forest, Attn: Recreation Fee Proposals, 24 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Jerman, Public Affairs Officer, 406–329–1024 or by email at rtreecfe@fs.fed.us. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Lolo National Forest Fee proposal website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rtreecfe.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by the Resource Advisory Council(s) prior to a final decision and implementation.

Specifically, the Lolo National Forest is proposing the following new fees:

• Big Hole Lookout; proposed fee of $45 per night;
• Driveway Peak Lookout; proposed fee of $55 per night;