

help prevent the spread of scrapie within the United States. APHIS has regulations at 9 CFR part 54 for an indemnity program to compensate owners of sheep and goats destroyed because of scrapie.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The regulations necessitate the use of a number of information collection activities including, but not limited to, applications for participation in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program; various plans for infected and source flocks; scrapie test records; application for indemnity payments; certificates; permits; and applications for APHIS-approved eartags, backtags, or tattoos, etc. Without this information, APHIS' efforts to more aggressively prevent the spread of scrapie would be severely hindered.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not for Profit; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 174,851.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 828,878.

#### **Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service**

*Title:* Environmental Monitoring Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0117.

*Summary of Collection:* The mission of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is to provide leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants, to improve the agricultural productivity and competitiveness, and to contribute to the national economy and the public health. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality implement the procedural aspects of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508). APHIS' regulations require APHIS to implement environmental monitoring for certain activities conducted for pest and disease, control and eradication programs. APHIS Form 2060, Environmental Monitoring Form, will be used to collect information concerning the effects of pesticide used in sensitive habitats.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will collect information on the number of collected samples, description of the samples, the environmental conditions at the collection site including wind speed and direction, temperature, and topography. The supporting information contained on the APHIS form 2060 is vital for interpreting the laboratory tests APHIS conducts on its collected samples. If a sample was not accompanied by this form, APHIS

would have no way of knowing from which site the sample was taken. Failure to collect this information would prevent APHIS from actively monitoring the effects of pesticides in areas where the inappropriate use of these chemicals could eventually produce disastrous results for vulnerable habitats and species. If information is not collected frequently enough, APHIS' ability to effectively monitor chemical residues in the environment is compromised.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 11.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6.

#### **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

*Title:* Importation of Beef and Ovine Meat from Uruguay and Beef from Argentina and Brazil.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0372.

*Summary of Collection:* The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8301), is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The agency charged with carrying out this disease prevention mission is the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing APHIS' ability to compete globally in animal and animal product trade. APHIS import regulations in sections 9 CFR 94.1, 9 CFR 94.11, and 9 CFR 94.29 place certain restrictions on the importation of beef and ovine meat from Uruguay into the United States. APHIS must collect information, prepared by an authorized certified official of the Government of Uruguay, certifying that specific conditions for importation have been met.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Imports of fresh beef and beef products from northern Argentina and from specific regions in Brazil must be accompanied by a foreign meat inspection certificate that is completed and signed by an authorized veterinary official of the Governments of Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil. Without the information, APHIS would be unable to establish an effective defense against the entry and spread of foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases from Uruguay beef and ovine product imports as well as imports of beef and beef products from Argentina and Brazil.

*Description of Respondents:* Federal Government; Business or Other for Profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,100.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 18,514.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Forest Service**

#### **Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Committee is authorized under the National Forest Management Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and pragmatic recommendations regarding potential regional scale land management planning approaches and solutions in the Northwest Forest Plan Area within the context of the 2012 planning rule.

**DATES:** An in-person meeting, that permits committee members to participate virtually if needed, will be held on November 14, 2023, 08:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), November 15, 2023, 08:30 a.m.–5 p.m. PST, and November 16, 2023, 08:00–11 a.m.

*Written and Oral Comments:* Anyone wishing to provide in-person oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST on November 7, 2023. Written public comments will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. PST on November 7, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All committee meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held in person, at the Edgewater Hotel, 2411 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following

website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd1076013> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [sm.fs.nwfp\\_faca@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.nwfp_faca@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to John Dow, FACA Coordinator, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Room 1A, Portland, OR 97204. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

**Oral Comments:** Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST, November 7, 2023, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Requests to pre-register for oral comments must be sent by email to [sm.fs.nwfp\\_faca@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.nwfp_faca@usda.gov) or via mail (*i.e.*, postmarked) to John Dow, FACA Coordinator, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Room 1A, Portland, OR 97204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Berger, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 971-260-7808 or email at [Elizabeth.Berger@usda.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Berger@usda.gov) or John Dow, FACA Coordinator, at 719-250-5311 or email at [John.Dow@usda.gov](mailto:John.Dow@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review subcommittee considerations regarding priorities for updates to the Northwest Forest Plan;
2. Consider information provided by forest managers and others regarding implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan; and

3. Schedule the next meeting.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

**Meeting Accommodations:** The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests

in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: October 17, 2023.

**Egypt Simon,**

*Acting USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Materials and Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials and Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will meet on November 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC (enter through Main Entrance on 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues). The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to transportation and related

equipment or technology. The purpose of the meeting is to have Committee members and U.S. Government representatives mutually review updated technical data and policy-driving information that has been gathered.

#### Agenda

##### Open Session

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction by BIS Senior Management.
2. Report from working groups.
3. Report by regime representatives.

##### Closed Session

4. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the open meeting and public participation requirements found in sections 1009(a)(1) and 1009(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. 1001-1014). The exemption is authorized by section 1009(d) of the FACA, which permits the closure of advisory committee meetings, or portions thereof, if the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports determines such meetings may be closed to the public in accordance with subsection (c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)). In this case, the applicable provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) are subsection 552b(c)(4), which permits closure to protect trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, and subsection 552b(c)(9)(B), which permits closure to protect information that would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action were it to be disclosed prematurely. The closed session of the meeting will involve committee discussions and guidance regarding U.S. Government strategies and policies.

The open session will be accessible via teleconference. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Yvette Springer at [Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov), no later than November 9, 2023.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel,