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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Dixie National Forest, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee.

SUMMARY: The Dixie National Forest is proposing to charge a fee for overnight rental of the Pine Valley Guard Station of \$75 in the summer and \$40 in the winter. This guard station has not been available for recreation use prior to this date. Rentals of other guard stations on the Dixie National Forest have been very popular, illustrating that people appreciate and enjoy the availability of these historic buildings.

The Pine Valley Guard Station is located at the edge of the Pine Valley Wilderness Area and within the Pine Valley Recreation Area, and will sleep up to six people. The site is located in Washington County, Utah. The guard station will have hot and cold running water in the summer, flush toilet, shower, electricity, refrigerator, and wood stove. Bunks and all cooking and eating utensils will be provided for renters.

Determination of the fee price is based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operations and maintenance, market assessment, and

public comment. The fee is proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance and improvements of this guard station.

DATES: Comments will be accepted through October 15, 2009. New fees would begin May 2010.

ADDRESSES: Pine Valley Ranger District, Attn: Recreation Fee Program, 196 E. Tabernacle, Suite 38, St. George, Utah 84770 or <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/contact/feedback.shtml> (include "Recreation Fee Program" in the subject line).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gretchen Merrill, Public Service Staff Officer, 435-865-3741. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Intermountain Region Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/recreation/rac/index.shtml>.

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 a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Announcement of Value-Added Producer Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) and republication of Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) Announcement of Value-Added Producer Grant Application Deadlines.

SUMMARY: Rural Development (RD) previously withdrew the May 6, 2009 **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 20900), which was published in error, announcing the availability of approximately \$18 million in competitive grants for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to help independent agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. This notice announces the

availability of approximately \$18 million in competitive grants for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to help independent agricultural producers enter into or expand value-added activities, with the following clarifications and alterations: (1) Highlights the inclusion of Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, as well as operators of Small and Medium-sized farms or ranches that are structured as a Family Farm, and provides more weight in the scoring process, (2) deletes contradictory language related to the eligibility of applicants under the newly allowable mid-tier value chain provision by clarifying that the applicant entity must be eligible under the legislatively-stated categories (but the network they are part of can include virtually any type of organization), (3) establishes the upper limit of "medium-sized farm" at between \$250,001 and \$700,000 in annual gross sales of agricultural product, (4) revises the list of renewable energy technologies that are eligible for funding, (5) clarifies that different documentation standards apply for Planning Grants versus Working Capital Grants, (6) deletes "Innovation" as a specific scoring criteria, (7) allows branding, packaging and other means of product differentiation as a *component* of a value added strategy in all product eligibility categories, and (8) provides a 90-day application period.

USDA Rural Development welcomes projects that highlight innovative uses of agricultural products. This may include using existing agricultural products in non-traditional ways and/or merging agricultural products with technology in creative ways. As with all value-added efforts, generating new products, creating expanded marketing opportunities and increasing producer income are the end goal. Applications proposing to develop innovative, sustainable products, businesses, or marketing opportunities that accelerate creation of new economic opportunities and commercialization in the agri-food, agri-science, or agriculture products integrated or merged with other sciences or technologies are invited. This may include alternative uses of agricultural products as well as, value-added processing of agricultural commodities to produce bio-materials (e.g. plastics, fiberboard), green chemicals, functional foods (e.g. lutin enhanced "power bar" snacks, soy enhanced products), nutraceuticals, on-farm renewable energy, and biofuels (e.g. ethanol, biodiesel).

Awards may be made for planning activities or for working capital expenses, but not for both. The